

Hafa Adai!

Saipan Tribune

CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Volume XX, Issue No. 125

THURSDAY MAY 27, 2010

www.saipantribune.com 50¢



OPINION METER

This week's poll:
Do you intend to join this Saturday's rally of indigenous residents to oppose Interior's recommendation to grant improved status for long-term alien workers?

Let your voice be heard!
Go to
www.saipantribune.com
to cast your vote.

INSIDE



Joint Promo

Shell Marianas and the Bank of Guam formally launch a new joint discount program.

LOCAL...Page 6



Border Guards

President Obama orders 1,200 National Guard troops to U.S.-Mexico border.

NATION...Page 15



Dancing Champ

The Pussycat Doll is now the "Dancing With the Stars" champ.

LIFE & STYLE...Page 19

Saturday's indigenous rally to feature former govt officials. PAGE 2
Man gets 30 years for murder of Korean businessman. PAGE 3

6 public schools fail to meet learning targets

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Last school year, six of the 20 public schools in the CNMI failed to meet the Public School System's student achievement goals.

These schools are three elementary, two high schools, and one middle school, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan yesterday, but she declined to identify them individually.

These underperforming schools were also categorized as "turn-around" schools that need to make significant improvement in their adequate yearly progress, or AYP report. AYP is an academic

See **SCHOOLS** on Page 4

Govt ordered to pay terminated exec \$216,049

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The federal court ordered the CNMI government yesterday to pay \$216,049.88 in back wages and benefits to Emerenciana Peter-Palican, who was terminated in 2006 as special assistant for Women's Affairs when the Fitial administration took over.

In addition, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John C. Coughenour awarded Peter-Palican reasonable attorney's fees as the prevailing party in her lawsuit. He directed Peter-Palican to submit to the court her claim for at-

See **GOVT** on Page 4



Sablan

Corruption convict's 9-month sentence commuted

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos commuted on Monday the nine-month sentence of former Department of Finance employee Velma Jean Aldan Arriola, who was convicted of corruption.

Inos cited humanitarian reasons as

among the considerations for commuting Arriola's sentence.

Arriola, a former employee at Finance's Revenue and Taxation Division, forged the signatures of six taxpayers on their credit card accounts to pay the tax obligations of six other individuals that paid their taxes in cash.

Inos, who was the Finance secretary

when Arriola committed these acts from Dec. 19, 2008 to Jan. 20, 2009, said House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and other community members supported Arriola in her request for leniency.

"[Arriola] has expressed remorse and
See **CONVICT** on Page 4

'Put more money into Fund or cut benefits'



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Retirement Fund board trustee Pete Dela Cruz, left, addresses lawmakers and other government officials, as Fund board counsel Viola Alepuyo, center, and Dylan Porter, director and consulting actuary of Buck Consultants LLC, right, look on during the Fund's presentation of the 2008 actuarial valuation report in the House of Representatives chamber yesterday afternoon.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

A consultant for the NMI Retirement Fund told lawmakers and other government officials yesterday to either put

more money into the Fund, or reduce the benefits to members so that the pension system can still pay current and future retirees.

"If I only have one sentence to say, either more money needs to be put into

the Fund to provide assets for benefits to be paid, or, alternately, less money needs to be paid out. What that would mean is looking into the possibility of benefit cuts," Dylan Porter, director and

See **FUND** on Page 4



120 FREE! Roundtrip
Tickets to the Philippines

Just for being
a loyal
IT&E Customer

5th Drawing: May 28, 2010
Qualifying is Easy!



Saipan: 682-4ITE (4483) • Tinian: 433-0210 • Rota: 532-3599 • Guam: 671-922-4ITE (4483) • www.ite.net

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS *Terms and conditions apply

Local

Saturday's indigenous rally to feature former govt officials

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Indigenous Affairs Office resident executive director Ignacio DLG. Demapan said yesterday that the planned peaceful rally on Saturday against the U.S. Department of the Interior report on the status of foreign workers in the CNMI, will be held starting at 1pm instead of the earlier announced schedule of morning to afternoon.

The May 29 rally will be held at the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe, across the road from the Guma Hustisia.

Demapan also said the rally will feature former members of the Political Status Commission, including Vicente Santos, former speaker Oscar Rasa, and Manny A. Sablan.

"We will also be inviting former governors, including Dr. Carlos Camacho, and former governor Babauta, if he is willing to attend. We will also be inviting the delegate, Kilili Sablan," said Demapan, who is the chairman of the event. The vice chair is Angie Mangarero, executive assistant for the Carolinian Affairs Office.

Other former governors, in-

cluding now Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio and Pedro P. Tenorio, are currently off island.

Demapan said the organizers of the rally will also be inviting all former mayors of Rota, Saipan, Tinian and the Northern Islands, as well as former district commissioners.

"It would be up to them if they want to address the crowd. We'd like to focus on the Interior recommendation and its effects on the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians," he said.

Demapan said residents are echoing the joint resolution by the Legislature and the position of the Fitial administration "strongly objecting" to the Interior report, which they said was done without proper consultation.

"We are not trying to push out the guest workers; we're just after our indigenous rights. We'd like to inform people and invite them to hear and voice their concerns about the Interior report," he added.

The Interior report recommends the granting of long-term status to alien workers who have legally resided in the CNMI for at least five years. Among the five options to achieve this

are the granting of permanent residency status, and conferring U.S. citizenship to some 20,000 foreign workers.

Chamorros and Carolinians were conferred U.S. citizenship in 1986.

Demapan reiterated yesterday that the event organizers want a status quo—meaning foreign workers will remain as foreign workers in compliance with the employment contracts they signed when they decided to come to the CNMI.

Based on 2008 data, the CNMI's foreign worker population was estimated at over 23,500, exceeding the local workforce of over 12,000.

The indigenous rally will be held some two weeks after thousands of nonresident workers, their families and supporters held a motorcade and peaceful assembly to show strong support to the Interior report and recommendation of long-term immigration status for alien workers who have resided in the CNMI for at least five years.

The guest workers called on the U.S. Congress to immediately act on Interior's recommendations.

House rejects Senate version of austerity bill

» **Ogumoro appoints 4 to conference committee**



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

House Floor Leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), left, talks to House legal counsel Joseph Tajeron, center, and Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) during a short session recess on Tuesday.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The across-the-board austerity bill is not yet dead after all.

This, as the House of Representatives rejected Tuesday the Senate's version of the controversial House austerity bill, and wants a reinstatement of the original intent of the measure which is to implement an across-the board salary and 10-hour work per pay period to reduce government spending.

But Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), author of the original austerity bill, said the House is willing to reach a "compromise" with the Senate to pass an "acceptable" cost reduction measure.

"I'm confident we can do that," he said.

House Bill 17-45, HD6, SS1 was taken out of Basa's House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday and placed on calendar for action.

After a short recess, House members unanimously adopted a motion to reject the Senate amendment of the bill and called for a conference committee.

Acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) appointed Basa, Rep. Teresita

Santos (Ind-Rota), and Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) to the conference committee, along with herself.

Basa, the original author of HB 17-45, later said it's no secret that the CNMI government is experiencing a decline in collections, and spending has to be curtailed.

"If you look at the expenditures of the government, for every dollar we spend, 80 cents goes to personnel, and the 20 percent goes to all others. So we have to cut more on the personnel costs," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Basa, however, said the work hour cuts should be implemented not only in FY 2010 but also in FY 2011, when the projected revenue is further down to \$132 million from \$137 million.

"Every dollar we can save will definitely help," he said, adding that the FY 2011 budget entails further cuts other than work hour reduction, but also unpaid legal holidays, and elimination of all unfunded fulltime employee positions.

Acting Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), in a separate interview, said he welcomes the House's move to go into conference to fur-

ther discuss the bill, instead of killing the bill.

"What this conference would do is come up with a bill that's acceptable to both the House and Senate, or a hybrid of the two versions. I'm in support of them rejecting the bill and calling for conference rather than killing the bill," Reyes said in a phone interview.

Reyes, however, said he will wait for the return of Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) later this week from Washington, D.C., to appoint members to the conference committee. He said he would like to be in the committee.

The House passed on March 25 Basa's bill cutting work hours from 80 to 70 which is equivalent to 12.5 percent of government salary per pay period.

But the Senate on April 16 rejected the essence of the House bill which is to cut work hours and salaries, and passed its own version of the bill which instead increases fees and businesses. The Senate bill, however, retained Basa's name as author of the measure.

The Fitial administration, however, went ahead with a 10-hour work cut among contract or excepted service employees in the Executive Branch and gubernatorial appointees, effective this week.

One of the employees who now receive a 10-hour work cut said yesterday that a salary cut "is much better than losing your job."

"Others would say a lot of bad things about this government when they receive their first pay checks with cuts. But what can we do? There's not much money. The only way for the government to help us is to help the government," said the Executive Branch employee.

"Para minagof"

Islander Club (formerly shooters)

GRAND OPENING

This Thursday, May 27, 2010
behind VFW

Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:00pm til closing

Live Music
Alfred Saures & Maggie Naputi

Miller Beers on Special

Miller
ISLAND FLAVOR

Dandan Tire Shop

USED TIRE

Have Car Wash

235-7835

JOETEN DANDAN

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

A 25-year-old man convicted of murdering a Korean businessman during a robbery at a store in Tanapag last year was sentenced to 30 years in prison yesterday.

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos told Ezra Kaainoa Deleon Guerrero to "swallow it and take it" as he handed down the maximum imprisonment term contemplated

Man gets 30 years for murder of Korean businessman

in the plea agreement.

The judge said the Deleon Guerrero deserves the sentence for "blowing the old man's head with a stick."

"You are a young man. Possibly you can come out in 10 years. Possibly you may come out in 30 years. The lawyers are not setting your course. You set your own course," Inos said.

OAG seeks to clamp down on govt agencies' hiring of private counsels

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

In the last three years, one autonomous agency has been spending an average of \$350,000 a year to hire a private counsel and Attorney General Edward Buckingham thinks this is too large an expense at a time when government finances are tough.

"We are working with the Legislature to review the constitutional provision on the obligation of the Attorney General's Office in providing legal representation to all government's agencies in the Executive Branch, including autonomous agencies," Buckingham said yesterday.

He said his office and the Legislature are collecting information on the amount of expenses incurred by autonomous agencies for legal fees.

"We are seeking information from each agency and [we] hope to move the Commonwealth toward compliance with constitutional provisions that establish the duty of the AG's office to provide legal representation for the Commonwealth as a whole except for the Legislature and the Judiciary," Buckingham said.

He pointed out that the econ-

omy is tight and the issue surrounding legal fees, in addition to the constitutional questions, is also about being good trustees of public funds.

"We should take steps to manage our scarce resources in the best manner possible," he said.

As to questions about the ability of the OAG to represent autonomous agencies in light of the exodus of many lawyers from the agency, Buckingham said recruitment efforts are ongoing.

He cited that Shelli Neal was sworn in yesterday as the newest prosecutor in the Criminal Division, while Craig Ditrach arrived on Tuesday and will be sworn in shortly.

"Attorney Ben Petersburg is scheduled to arrive on June 14. Attorney Peter Priestly should also be joining our office in the near future," Buckingham said.

He said the OAG continues to function and it is their intent to perform and improve in the future.

Buckingham had disclosed last month that the CNMI government has been violating constitutional provisions for 20 years now by allowing autonomous agencies to hire private counsels.

Deleon Guerrero may eligible for parole after serving 10 years in prison.

The judge ordered Deleon Guerrero to pay a \$10,000 fine, restitution to the victim's family, and a court assessment fee.

Inos urged him to participate in many rehabilitation programs while in prison so he can be a productive citizen once released.

Before the sentence was handed down, Deleon Guerrero apologized to the court and to the victim's family.

"I will accept the sentence whatever it is," he said.

Deleon Guerrero had pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree, under a plea bargain arrangement with the government.

His lawyer, assistant public defender Douglas Hartig, had rec-

ommended a 25-year prison term.

In an interview after the hearing, Hartig said they had agreed that the sentencing range would be between 25 to 30 years, and the judge chose to give his client the highest end.

Hartig said his recommendation was 25 years because they're trying to do the best as they could for their client to get the smallest sentence as possible. "And 25 is not inconsistent with other similar cases over the past several years," he said.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher recommended the maximum 30 years.

"Our concern in negotiating with this plea was that he will come out of prison an old man. He's going in as a young man and he will come out an old

man," Gallagher said.

Gallagher said they reviewed the facts of the case and some old homicide cases in order to reach a consistent appropriate sentence.

He said the desire for retribution does not overcome the government's need to be fair to the public and to the victim.

"So after reviewing all those factors we thought that a 30-year sentence is fair and we are very happy that the judge accepted it," the prosecutor said.

Gallagher said the victim's family members were very upset with the murder.

"Papa Sang [the victim] was a beloved man in the community. He was an entrepreneur...he's a loss to the community, a loss to the family," Gallagher said.

Jae Soung Shim, 65, also known as Papa Sang in the neighborhood, was killed inside his store, New Star Market, on May 17, 2009.

Police said Shim was reading behind the cashier's counter when Deleon Guerrero entered the store and repeatedly hit him on the head with a tanga-tanga stick.

Autopsy showed that the victim sustained multiple skull fractures due to repeated blows to the head.

Prior to the attack, a witness saw Deleon Guerrero put on a black ski mask and say: "This is good for Papa Sang, no!"

Deleon Guerrero was later seen by witnesses handing out money to children at a house near the victim's store. A witness reportedly heard the defendant bragging that he had just knocked out the old man.

8 named to NMC presidential search panel

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Eight individuals were named to the Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee during yesterday's special meeting of the Board of Regents.

Board chair Janet H. King appointed regent Paz Younis to head the panel, whose main task will be to find the college's next chief executive officer.

The college's last president, Dr. Carmen Fernandez, was fired on April 12 after a months-

long investigation into allegations of unauthorized changing of students' grades and other personnel issues.

The presidential search committee will be composed of seven individuals representing various NMC governance councils and one from the community.

Board policy dictates that the board chair has the authority to appoint the panel's members, who will assist regents in selecting qualified candidates for the NMC presidency.

Joining Younis on the team

are Ed Camacho, an instructor at the college's Criminal Justice program; School of Education instructor Pam Buckingham; and Sam McPhetres, a faculty member from the Social Sciences Department.

Clarice Arriola, the Staff Senate president, will represent staff members, while Mindy Park will represent students.

King appointed John Manalo to represent the college's alumni on the panel.

Liz Rechebei was appointed to represent the CNMI community.

King is expected to name one more member to the panel.

The board also adopted yesterday a resolution outlining the search criteria and guidelines for the committee.

Based on a temporary timeline, the committee aims to name a new president by September.

An NMC president is paid an annual salary of \$80,000 and an \$800 monthly housing allowance. From a pool of applicants, the panel must narrow down the selection to the top five or three candidates for board interview and action.

Music by Kikbak & Jerry

Miller Family on Special!



Tonight!



**Raffle tickets
drawing with many
great prizes!**

Thank you to all the supporters!



Godfather's Bar

WHERE EVERYBODY IS FAMILY

www.godfathersbar.com

GARAPAN'S PARTY BAR!

**Fundraiser
for Jerry's son Mikhail
Representing CNMI
in the National Scripps
Spelling Bee Contest!**

COUNTRY HOUSE RESTAURANT

RESTAURANT Moby Dick
Fresh Sea Foods & Steak

In celebrating of our
18th Year Anniversary
we offer **30% discount** on our
Juicy Rib Eye Steak
[100% Certified Angus Beef]

Come and enjoy our famous steak in the island every Saturday's on May 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Taste our Ribeye Steak and you will be entitled to 50% discount on our selected bottle of wines.

For reservations Please call 233-1908 or 233-1910
Hours of operation: Lunch 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Dinner 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Located in Coconut Street, Garapan.

CONVICT

From Page 1

regret for her actions. ...The ends of justice are served by granting Velma Jean Aldan Arriola an opportunity to continue her path to a successful, law-abiding life," Inos said in his May 24, 2010 commutation of Arriola's sentence.

Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Arriola on April 1 this year to five years imprisonment, all suspended except for nine months. Arriola reported to the Department of Corrections on April 30, 2010, to begin serving her sentence.

In his May 24, 2010 commutation letter, Inos said Arriola's request for commutation of sentence was support-

ed by Elisa B. Ada, collection branch manager at Finance's Revenue and Taxation Division.

Ada attested that Arriola "has made whole all victims in this matter," and that Finance "reimbursed all victims for wrongful charges and collected such charges from Ms. Arriola."

Inos also cited Arriola's right of allocution. Arriola testified during the sentencing hearing and expressed her apology, her remorse, and feeling of shame for what she has done to the Commonwealth, the taxpayers, and to her own family members.

"The court finds her apology sincere," Inos said, quoting the judgment of conviction and commitment order signed by the judge on March 31.

Inos said Arriola's request is supported by the following findings and

facts, and in consideration for humanitarian reasons:

1. Arriola was the primary caretaker of her ailing mother and disabled brother for several years.

2. Arriola is a single mother with a 12-year-old minor son in need of nurturing and guidance.

3. Arriola is the longest-serving primary caretaker of her ailing mother, disabled brother, and minor son.

4. Arriola, being a female, is culturally most acceptable and natural to provide the necessary care and assistance that her mother needs.

5. Arriola is most familiar, knowledgeable and understood the needs and manner of care-giving that her ailing mother and disabled brother deserve.

Judge Manglona said in April that Arriola has other siblings on-island and off-island that can provide the necessary care for family members.

The judge added that it may not be personal care that Arriola's family desires, but it is nevertheless family care that is available while the defendant accepts and serves her punishment.

On Feb. 4, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial

also commuted the 25-year sentence of convicted "ice" trafficker David T. Diaz because of his "outstanding record" in prison—including painting a school bus stop and helping at the 2008 Liberation Day—as well as the support of the Department of Corrections and community members.

The governor said Diaz "has expressed remorse and regret for his actions."

The Board of Parole issued Diaz his certificate of parole on March 12, over a month after Fitial commuted his sentence on Feb. 4, 2010.

GOVT

From Page 1

torney's fees.

The judge also awarded her court costs and said he will issue a separate judgment after determining attorney's fees and costs.

The judge awarded Peter-Palican \$176,787.65 for lost salary; \$17,695.19 in untaken accumulated annual leave; \$1,495.44 for lost annual leave; and \$20,071.60 for loss of retirement plan contributions.

Coughenour made the calculation from the date Peter-Palican left the office to May 19, 2010.

Coughenour said the court finds that under Commonwealth law, Peter-Palican had an implied cause of action to vindicate the violation of her constitutional rights—her removal without cause. Such a cause of action, the judge said, includes a remedy to ensure the effectiveness of the provision.

"The court finds that payment of salary and certain benefits lost is the appropriate remedy," he said.

SCHOOLS

From Page 1

achievement accountability measure.

There are two ways of measuring the AYP of a school: through the Stanford Achievement Test-10 and the Student Based Assessment tests. These tests cover the six content areas of reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and other factors such as attendance and participation rates.

Sablan said the six schools were the lowest scorers among the 20 schools on three islands. As such, its personnel need to undergo a specialized two-day training today and tomorrow.

PSS officials disclosed that a new program called "Success Insight" is now being enforced in public schools to help boost student achievement.

"These six turn-around schools need to show improvements in their data and this program [Success Insight] will be a great help," Sablan told the Board of Education yesterday, adding that experts from off-island were contracted to do the program. It will be offered to all other schools during the summer.

With only six schools classified as turn-around, Sablan said this means the rest of public schools are meeting the student achievement goals and are on track.

Board members expressed concern about the factors that are hampering the six schools from meeting their AYP targets, citing the issue of highly quali-

Coughenour ordered the CNMI government and Gov. Benigno Fitial to appoint or hire Peter-Palican within 30 days from yesterday to a government position at a salary similar to or greater than that she had as special assistant for Women's Affairs.

It was former governor Juan N. Babauta who appointed Peter-Palican to the position in 2002.

On Feb. 6, 2006, the office of then newly elected governor Fitial notified Peter-Palican that her position was terminated as of Jan. 8, 2006, the date that Fitial's administration formally took over.

The notification, signed by then acting governor Timothy Villagomez, stated that her appointment automatically ended when the Fitial administration took office and that, in any case, her employment contract specifically expired after four years.

Peter-Palican objected to the termination but vacated her position on April 15, 2006. She then sued the government and Villagomez, claiming that her termination violated her rights to free speech and due process, as protected by the U.S. Constitution.

fied teachers and principals.

"Is there any correlation between employing highly qualified teachers and turning the schools around?" asked board member Tanya Denise King, adding that PSS has to figure out the best action to address this "underperformance."

Although there is no concrete proof of the relationship between these two, Sablan believes that a comprehensive study of the school data is important to identify the factors that hamper the progress of students.

Sablan pointed out that PSS is communicating with experts in the field to help develop a research plan.

"We're looking not only at the data...but the entire demographics to know what support is needed by our schools. We will also track the effectiveness of teachers in meeting the students' achievement goals," she said.

Results of last school year's tests indicate that, despite the significant growth posted by many schools in both SBA and SAT-10 tests, math and reading remain areas of concern that need to be addressed by the school system.

It is through both assessments that PSS can effectively identify the strongest and weakest points of students and identify the best solutions to address the concern of teachers and students.

PSS officials said assessments are done not only to comply with federal requirements but also to fulfill the Board of Education's mandate of "Students First."



NEW PROSECUTOR

Shelli Neal takes her oath as the Commonwealth's newest assistant attorney general before associate justice Alexandro Castro yesterday at the CNMI Supreme Court. Attorney General Edward Buckingham serves as the witness in the ceremony. Neal will be handling mostly domestic violence cases.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Markus Joaquin Attao Toves who is celebrating his 4th birthday today, May 27! Warm greetings come from your parents Mark and Catherine; your siblings Joseph, Markel, Theresa and Merrick; and the rest of your Chalan Piao family! We wish you the best on your special day!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

FUND

From Page 1

consulting actuary of Buck Consultants LLC, told lawmakers yesterday afternoon.

Porter presented the actuarial valuation report for 2008 to senators and House members, a day after the consultant presented the same report to the Fund board of trustees.

Fund board counsel Viola Alepuyo, however, told lawmakers that the trustees, during their board meeting on Tuesday, disagreed with the recommended 51 percent actuarial rate increase.

Instead, the seven-member board voted to maintain the 37 percent actuarial level in consideration of current economic uncertainties, on the condition that trustees will revisit the issue once they feel the need to make an adjustment.

In 2007, the percent of accrued benefits funded was at almost 60 percent, and this went down to 44.8 percent.

However, due to the financial meltdown between 2008 and now, this figure is estimated to be at 35 percent now.

Porter said cutting benefits of members is a hard job to do for a lawmaker or anyone in government, but doing so is needed to save the pension system.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said most of the benefits are constitutionally protected, and therefore these have to be put before voters first.

Tony Muña, leader of the Fitial administration's negotiating team in the Fund lawsuit, said there are other benefits that are not constitutionally restricted, including the cost of allowance, COLA. He said this should be coupled with legislative reforms.

"Yes we need to increase payments, but on the other hand, how much do we have to pay? Can it be minimized by institutional reforms?" he asked.

Porter, in his presentation, said elimi-

nating the COLA for retirees and beneficiaries will save the Fund \$84 million.

The consultant gave an estimate of Fund savings should it decide to reduce or stop benefits, including the elimination of the death and disability benefits, which will save \$6 million.

The four other scenarios include: a 10-percent cut for active members and retirees, which will save \$18 million; a 10-percent cut for retirees and beneficiaries, \$61 million; a 10-percent cut for everyone, but first \$500 protected, \$55 million; and a 10 percent cut for everyone, but first \$1,000 protected, \$36 million.

Another recommendation is to phase-in these cost-cutting measures over three, six, or 12 months, and issue promissory notes in lieu of benefits.

The Fund and the administration's negotiating team have also been asking the House and Senate to pass a legislative initiative to be placed in the November 2010 ballot. This would allow the government to borrow up to \$200 million to pay off its debt to the Fund.

This is part of their five-point plan, including a line-item appropriation, other legislative amendments, a hard freeze, and phase out of the Retirement Fund.

Discussions between Deleon Guerrero and Muña on the current condition of the Fund heated up yesterday, with Deleon Guerrero saying he had opposed the conversion to the Defined Contribution Plan, and to the halt in government employer contribution to the Fund.

But Muña said in 2004 to 2005, lawmakers and the administration at the time could have done something to address the problem, but did not. He said the Fitial administration inherited the Fund's problems when it came into office in 2006.

"This would have been a non-issue if you and your colleagues in 2004-2005 made a decision to pay what needed to be done and create a financial plan to pay the contribution that was necessary. We would not be having this

conversation now, but you didn't make a commitment; your colleagues didn't make a commitment," Muña said.

Muña added that between dealing with a \$3.8 billion liability and \$600 million liability, the Fitial administration chose the latter.

Deleon Guerrero said he was already a lawmaker back then, but said that every year, the Legislature appropriates money for employer contribution but previous administrations didn't make the payments. He said the Babauta administration was at least paying the Fund, unlike the Fitial administration.

"Don't change the facts," he told Muña.

Muña rebutted: "The bottom line is, you didn't solve the problem and you force someone else to do it. Someone else did [something] and now you're complaining."

At this point, House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) recognized Fund trustee Pete Dela Cruz.

"We are here to present the [actuarial] report as it is..." Dela Cruz said. "If we can maintain the discussion rather than going back and forth on who made a mistake... We are the administrator of the Fund, and we carry our mandate, and we're here to report to you."

Also present at the presentation were Fund administrator Mark Aguon, other board trustees, senators Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan), and House representatives Joe Palacios (R-Saipan) and Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

Lawmakers were each given a copy of the actuarial valuation report, which also noted a significant drop in the Fund's assets as a result of worldwide market losses and other factors in 2007 and 2008. The report noted the negative return on the Fund's assets, from \$510.1 million in fiscal year 2007 to just \$403.2 million in 2008.

The number of Fund members also showed a significant decline, from 7,366 in 2007 to 6,768 members in 2008.

New water, sewer problems; Inos extends CUC emergency

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos extended anew on Sunday the emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. due to continuous and new challenges in providing and improving utility services, especially water and wastewater.

With the Division of Environmental Quality classification of Rota's cave-based domestic water as "surface water," CUC has had to expand water quality monitoring and testing. This requires more manpower and equipment.

Earlier this month, CUC experienced failures in water pipes as the Cross-Island road project contractors' equipment broke

water pipes, requiring CUC staff to be pulled from other jobs, with required equipment, to address the emergency.

Sewer line collapses have also become common, typically the result of pipe thinning. CUC investigates and undertakes repairs. Inos said without the executive order, procurement for such repair work would constitute a significant impediment.

Sewage lift station failures also continue, requiring CUC crews to install newly received pumps.

"Approximately 17 of the 45 CUC sewage lift stations are in poor condition and require significant rehabilitation. CUC anticipates an EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) grant for the rehabilitation of

these lift stations. But that construction will not occur for approximately one year," Inos said in his 21-page executive order which maintains the governor's control over CUC.

The Fitial administration first declared a state of emergency for CUC in August 2008.

Inos said CUC engineer staff shortages continue to hamper CUC's ability to anticipate and fix technical problems. CUC water and wastewater engineers are the lead with several ongoing construction projects, which also stretches the limited engineering resources, including the well isolation project, the Sadog Tasi sewer plant rehabilitation, and Agingan sewage treatment plant rehabilitation.

"Recruitment and retention

of engineering staff to meet these challenges is difficult," Inos added.

Increased power reliability

But CUC has seen a substantial increase in power reliability, specifically the availability of CUC's generation.

"CUC's transmission and distribution has similarly improved – January 2010 saw 10 hours 44 minutes of outages, April saw one minute. It has been critical to this latter improvement that CUC had the skilled, trained workforce to maintain power lines," Inos added.

The acting governor also said that with generous grant funding and the use of in-house technical specialists and outside

contractors, CUC has undertaken substantial rehabilitation of its power system.

He said future projects include replacing turbochargers, conserving and reclaiming used lube oil, retrofitting streetlights with low-wattage light-emitting diodes, and restoring power generation on Rota.

"Even if contractors do the work, CUC technical staff must research and prepare bid documents, review technical proposals, and oversee the work," said Inos.

Without the emergency declaration, CUC wouldn't be able to hire and maintain skilled foreign workers because current law prohibits the agency from employing non-U.S. citizen workers.

CUC has repeatedly asked the Legislature for relief from Public Law 16-14 which regulates the government workforce, to no avail. Moreover, errors in wording in the CUC enabling legislation recently re-enacted, P.L. 16-17, as amended, would bar the executive director from the day-to-day management of the corporation, effectively shutting CUC down. "This (emergency order) eliminates these problems while it is in effect," Inos said.

CUC also needs to meet the requirements of stipulated orders between the CNMI and EPA, setting the requirements and deadlines for CUC to comply with the mandates of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Woman seeks cops' assistance against common-law husband

A woman sought the police's help on Monday after her common-law husband, who allegedly owns several firearms, forcibly entered her residence, broke her cell phone, and damaged a car.

Police said the victim told them she does not want to go home because she fears for her safety.

Police arrested the suspect, Willihardo Albert Castro, 39, yesterday for disturbing the peace and criminal mischief.

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos set a bail of \$500 cash and \$4,500 unsecured bond for Castro's temporary release.

Inos directed Castro to stay away from the victim and barred him from contacting or texting her. The judge also ordered him to surrender all his firearms.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated

in his report that Castro and the victim are currently living separately due to an ongoing domestic issue that has not been resolved.

Aldan said that on Monday Castro went to the victim's house in San Antonio and demanded that she let him in.

While the victim was dialing 911 for help, Castro allegedly kicked the door open and entered the house.

Castro allegedly accused the victim of infidelity, but she denied this. Castro grabbed the victim's cell phone and broke it half by throwing it against the wall.

When the owner of the house arrived and asked Castro to stop, he left.

Castro then allegedly smashed the front and rear windshields and left passenger window of the victim's car. He also flattened the left tire of the vehicle. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

IMMIGRATION LAW

Bruce L. Mailman
Maya B. Kara

Available services include

- U.S. Permanent Residence (Green Card)
- U.S. Naturalization/Citizenship
- Employment Based U.S. Visas (H1B, H2B, L1, EB1, E1, E2, and others)
- Status Clarification

Call for Appointment
(670) 233-0081

Law Offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC
Corner of Beach Road and Cpl.
Derence Jack R., Garapan, Saipan



120 FREE! Roundtrip Tickets to the Philippines

Just for being a loyal IT&E Customer

Qualifying is EASY!

Prepaid subscribers who are ACTIVE for 6 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS

Postpaid subscribers who are enrolled on ON-LINE BILLING and CURRENT with their accounts

Listen to Power 99 from Saipan or Power 98 from Guam at 2:00pm (May 28, 2010).

Answer your cellphone between 3pm-4pm on Friday and win a trip to Philippines.

Some conditions apply • 10 Lucky winners will be chosen.

5th Drawing: May 28, 2010

Saipan: 682-4ITE (4483)
Tinian: 433-0210 • Rota: 532-3599

Chalan LauLau Customer Care Ofc.
Wireless Express Center (TSL Plaza)

(I) www.ite.net • (T) (671) 922-4ITE (4483)
(E) customer@itehq.net • www.wap.itepcs.net

Harmon Industrial Park • Guam Premier Outlet
Micronesia Mall • Macheche Plaza
Agana Shopping Center



7 more teachers pass Praxis; all schools post higher HQTs

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Seven public school teachers recently passed the rigorous Praxis tests and were added to the Public School System's pool of highly qualified teachers.

Charlie Kenty, PSS human resource director, reported that PSS has a total of 420 HQTs as of yesterday; this translates to 74 percent of the total public teacher population.

There are 145—or 26 percent

of public school teachers—that are still in the process of completing the requirements to become HQT.

Kenty is optimistic that more teachers will be added to the number of HQTs next month when the results of the April examinations are announced.

CNMI-PSS has until July 2011 to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act requirement for all school districts to have 100 percent highly qualified personnel. This deadline also applies to school adminis-

trators and counselors.

Kenty is confident that PSS will meet the deadline, citing the various support and assistance being provided teachers who have yet to meet the standards.

A teacher is deemed highly qualified if he or she has a degree, valid teaching certificates, and has passed the Praxis tests.

Kenty disclosed that there is a higher percentage of HQTs over non-HQTs at all school levels.

Among elementary schools, William S. Reyes Elementary has the highest number of

highly qualified teachers, totaling 30 as of yesterday; only seven have yet to comply with the requirements.

San Vicente Elementary has 25 HQTs against 11 non-HQTs, while Garapan Elementary has 25 HQTs over eight non-HQTs.

Kagman Elementary has 24 HQTs and 10 non-HQTs; Oleai Elementary, 17 HQTs against nine non-HQTs; Kolblerville Elementary, 16 HQTs and seven non-HQTs; Tinian Elementary, 16 HQTs and one non-HQT; Dandan Elemen-

tary, 14 HQTs against 10 non-HQTs; Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary, 13 HQTs against only one non-HQT; Sinapalo Elementary, 11 HQTs and two non-HQTs; Tanapag Elementary, 10 HQTs against three non-HQTs; and San Antonio Elementary, seven HQTs against nine non-HQTs.

In middle school, Hopwood Junior High has 28 HQTs to date against 16 non-HQTs. Chacha Oceanview has 17 HQTs over four non-HQTs, while Rota Junior High has five

HQTs over four non-HQTs.

Among high schools, Marianas High School has the highest number of HQTs, totaling 52, while only six have yet to meet the requirements. Saipan Southern has 25 HQTs against five non-HQTs; Kagman High, 24 over 13 non-HQTs; Tinian Junior/High School, 14 HQTs over six non-HQTs; and Rota High, nine HQTs over four non-HQTs.

Highly qualified teachers get higher salaries than their non-highly qualified counterparts.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Jeanette Suzuki, retails territory manager, Shell Guam & marketing manager, Shell North Pacific; Richard Parsons, general manager Guam & Saipan, Delta Air Lines, Inc.; Jeff Boyer, retail area manager & country chair representative, Shell Marianas; acting Gov. Eloy Inos; Lou Leon Guerrero, president, CEO and chair of the board, Bank of Guam; Jackie Marati, vice president Marketing, Bank of Guam; Frances Borja, board member, Bank of Guam; and Fred Keller, vice president retail, Shell North Pacific Islands.

Shell, Bank of Guam launch discount program

By **DENCIO MANGLONA**
STUDENT INTERN

Delta SkyMiles Visa credit card holders who use their cards to buy gas at any Shell station on Saipan will now be able to save 4 percent on their purchase and get one Delta SkyMile per dollar spent.

Shell Marianas and the Bank of Guam formally launched the joint discount program yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club.

Under the promo's mechanics, customers who use their Bank of Guam Delta SkyMiles Visa credit card to buy fuel at any Shell station on Saipan will get a 4 percent discount on their

purchase, on top of their Shell Lucky 7 stamps, while earning valuable Delta SkyMiles.

According to Shell retail area manager Jeff Boyer, this program will give customers "more value for their dollar" and will automatically provide SkyMile credit to customers.

The two companies have been developing this project for about a year.

Lourdes Leon Guererro, Bank of Guam president and CEO, said this project is an example of what the bank and Shell Marianas are doing to exceed customers' expectations.

The promo is exclusive to Saipan only. Customers must

have their Bank of Guam Delta SkyMiles Visa credit card and use it for payment in order to be eligible for the 4 percent discount.

Interested customers can visit any Saipan Shell station or Saipan Bank of Guam location for details and application.

When asked if Shell had any plans to work with the Bank of Guam on future projects, Boyer said, "I cannot make any announcements just yet, but yes. We are looking into new ways to provide better service for our customers."

Yesterday's launching was attended by Shell and Bank of Guam executives, as well as acting Gov. Eloy Inos.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-058

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR SINAPALO ELEMENTARY, ROTA JR., AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade at Sinapalo Elementary, Rota Jr. High School and Rota High School on Rota**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 27, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$49.15.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Rota High School Library on Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 18, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-058, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, June 25, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. local time June 30, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on June 25, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and five copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 25, 2010 and must be received no later than July 6, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., July 13, 2010.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Wakin's Bldg., Gualo Rai, Tel. 234-7145/7146/6293/6245
Saipan, MP 96950



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION



Denyo Power SP Generator



17ft. 1990 Calais Boat; ID#0373PU



Engine

The Commonwealth Development Authority will auction a in board boat engine, generator and a 17ft boat on Friday, May 28, 2010. The boat and the generator may be inspected at the CDA Office parking lot in Gualo Rai.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **CDA Office Parking Lot** on **Friday, May 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**
4. Full payment is required before items can be removed from the premises; and buyer is responsible for removing purchased items;
5. Terms of the sale are cash, credit card (MC and Visa) or certified check; and
6. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale.

/S/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

Buy Energy Star appliance and get up to \$300 rebate

By **DENCIO MANGLONA**
STUDENT INTERN

CNMI households now have more incentive to replace some of their old appliances, with a new program that would earn them up to \$300 in rebate if they toss their appliance and buy a more energy-efficient one.

The CNMI Energy Division announced Tuesday it is now ready to implement the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, a federally-funded initiative that will award rebates of up to \$300 to households that buy energy-efficient appliances.

The rebate program "was started to help CNMI residents replace existing appliances that are not energy-efficient," according to Energy Division Energy Auditor Vincent Attao.

The program only covers

three types of appliances: washing machines, refrigerators, and air conditioners. Both washing machines and refrigerators will get a rebate of \$300 each, while air-conditioners will get \$150.

Using funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, the program requires individuals to submit applications to the Energy Division and approved applicants will be given vouchers that they will present to accredited appliance stores in order to receive their rebate. Applications are also accepted at the Rota and Tinian Mayor's Office.

"Approved applicants...can go window shopping and select a unit they could purchase when they receive their vouchers," said Attao.

Participating retailers include YCO (Garapan), Pacific Home Appliances (Garapan), ACE Hardware Stores (Gualo Rai

Branch, San Vicente Branch, Susupe Branch, and Rota Branch), Taro Sue Stores (Garapan).

The first batch of SEEARP vouchers is expected to be released this Friday.

Attao recommends that interested people call the Energy Division for a better understanding of the program saying, "some people were confused. We are advising them right now to fix

deficiencies [in their applications] to ensure that they receive their vouchers."

Energy Division director Thelma Inos said that "[we] have already received appli-

cants from Saipan and Rota; we are currently waiting for applicants from Tinian."

"Switching from an older unit to a Energy Star appliance is important," Attao said. "Considering the rising electricity rates, it is important to save. The savings might be small but every measure counts."

CHC short of 16 docs to be fully staffed

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

With just 27 physicians onboard at the Commonwealth Health Center—including part-time doctors from private clinics—the islands' lone hospital needs 16 more doctors in order to be considered fully staffed.

The Department of Public Health earlier said that CHC needs 43 physicians in order to become fully staffed.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Emergency Medicine Section has the highest number of active physicians and physician assistants, with five: Dr.

Gregory Kotheimer, Dr. Marty Rohringer, Dr. Jonathan Patrick Corrigan, Dr. Shirish Balachandra, and physician assistant Michael Carney. This section is expected to have one more doctor soon following the signing of new contracts by DPH Secretary Kevin Villagomez.

The Internal Medicine Section has four—Dr. Chad Lowe, Dr. Esther P. Kanayjorn, Dr. Joel Reed Smith, and Dr. George Macris—but it is expected to lose Macris, who will soon leave for military service. Internal Medicine requires a minimum of four doctors.

In the Pediatrics Section, CHC

has only two onboard—Dr. Leticia Borja and Dr. John William Rodgers. Pediatrics is supposed to have at least three doctors.

Dr. David Khorram of the Marianas Eye Institute is the only physician in the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Section.

The hospital has only one radiologist, Dr. Edward Kolner, while Dr. John Yarofalir and Dr. Jeri Hallman are assigned to Surgery.

Also, only one physician is handling the Orthopedic Section, Dr. Ruben Arafiles, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

There are four physicians at the OB-Gyne Section—Dr. Mi-

chael Deary, Jennifer Linden, Jeonolivia Grant, and Helen Taro-Atalig—but only two anesthesiologists for the entire hospital, Dr. Michael Hart and Dr. Michael Koning.

There is also only one doctor in Psychiatry, Dr. Timothy Taylor.

The Family Medicine Section has four onboard: Dr. Vicente Aldan, Dr. Daniel Lamar, Dr. Nathan Tan, and Dr. Tony Stearns.

Medical director Dr. Richard Brostrom is on call for public health.

At the recent proclamation signing for Nurses Week, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos pointed out the need to bring in more doctors and nurses to CHC.

NMC hires a coordinator for non-communicable diseases program



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Education and Extension Services has hired Tayna Camacho to oversee the college's Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Program.

The Northern Marianas College recently hired a professional to coordinate Non-Communicable Prevention and Control Program through the Cooperative Research Education and Extension Services program.

With over 12 years of experience in the health industry, Tayna Camacho joins the college to oversee the implementation of a program that the entire CNMI stands to benefit from.

"We welcome Tayna to the NMC community," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "The program she will be coordinating is highly vital to the wellbeing of the community."

Camacho, with her extensive knowledge and management skills in assessing prevention programs to reduce risks associated with non-communicable diseases, will be assisting the NMC-CREES program to coordinate and monitor information associated with the NCD program. She will act as a focal point for the NCD Council and other partners regarding the NCD prevention and control activities in accordance with the NCD Plan, which was developed by various government

departments, non-government agencies, and various community stakeholders.

Camacho will also be tasked with surveying duties, organizing orientations, providing assistance to NCD Technical Advisers, networking with other government departments and community organizations, communicating with consultants as needed, and providing services to the NCD Council.

"I am looking forward to working with the professional staff and management of NMC CREES," said Camacho. "The program is essential in improving the lives of those who are either at risk or are currently affected by one or more of such diseases." NCD are non-contagious diseases that affect a good percentage of the population in the CNMI. Some examples of non-communicable diseases include diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and cancer. While some diseases stem from genetics, others are usually results of a poor lifestyle that involves unhealthy eating habits, abuse of tobacco, drug and alcohol use, and lack of physical activity. (NMC)



Tinian Dynasty[®]
Hotel & Casino

Tinian Dynasty Casino
WELCOME

GORILLA WARFARE HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY MAY 29th @ 11:00pm

\$50 + \$5 - Limited to 50 seats + 15 alternates!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW! BE FAST - SEATS ARE LIMITED!!

For further information, please call VIP Services (670) 328-2285



GORILLA WARFARE
INTO THE JUNGLE

Saturday, May 29, 2010 • Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino • 7:00pm-11:00pm

STAR
Marianas Air

SAIPAN / TINIAN CHARTER AVAILABLE 24/7

DISCOVERY FLIGHTS • FLIGHT SEEING TOURS

For inquiries please call (670) 433-9998 / (671) 898-3456
or visit www.starmarianasair.com

Mock trial play of ‘Puntan Dos Amantes’

As part of the CNMI and Guam Law Week Celebration, CNMI students will participate with Guam students in a mock trial play about the legend of Two Lovers’ Point on Friday, May 28, 2010, at 8:30am.

Eighth grade students from Hopwood Junior High, under the leadership of Principal Jonas M. Barcinas, will act as jurors in the play, *Puntan Dos Amantes*, which will be performed by eighth grade students from Guam’s Agueda Johnston Middle School under the supervision of teacher Benjie Santiago. The Guam students will perform the play

at the U.S. District Court of Guam courtroom, and the play will be televised to the students at the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands. The NMI students will render a verdict at the conclusion of the trial. The Hopwood students will decide the fate of Spanish Capt. Don Quiroga, who is accused of the murders of Isa and Tasi, the two lovers of the Guam legend. The play of the Spanish cap-



Castro

tain interprets the local Guam legend about *Puntan Dos Amantes*. It was written by two Guam Supreme Court attorneys, and its retelling preserves the rich cultural heritage of the Mariana Islands.

“The ability to video conference the trial brings our island communities closer, provides greater access to the legal system, and serves to educate our children about the importance of maintaining the rule of law,” said acting Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro yesterday.

Following the play, and a discussion of the verdict, the students will be able to tour their respective courthouses.

This event is made possible by the joint efforts of the federal District Courts and the local courts of Guam and the CNMI. Justice Castro recognized the assistance of Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the U.S. District Court of Guam, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres of the Guam Supreme Court, as well as Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the CNMI Superior Court, Clerk of Court Galo Perez of the U.S. District Court of the NMI, and Jeanne Quinata of the U.S. District Court of Guam.

The public is welcome to attend. **(PR)**

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, June 03, 2010 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comments

B. Reports

1. Chairperson
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Acting Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

C. Permits/ Applications/ Rezones: review and decide

1. None

D. Old Business

1. Proposed amendments to Saipan Zoning Law of 2008
 - a. Update on proposed amendments to the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law (Presentation no action)
2. Update on Zoning Office Operations (Permit Processing, Enforcement, Junk Car Program)

E. New Business

1. Hiring of new Zoning Administrator
2. Review new rezone proposal and approve advertising for public comment

Application #2010-0841, TR 22796 H-422; property on roadside opposite of Kagman Mobil Gas; From Rural to Mixed Commercial zoning district; proposed use – Vehicle Repair, General.

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese Ogomoro, Acting Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chair, Zoning Board

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday May 28, 2010 at the offices of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Family Building, Garapan Street, Garapan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Commissioner Kyle Calabrese at 670-233-7150.

AGENDA

1. Call to order – quorum
2. Approval of minutes of March 24, 2010 meeting
3. Docket 09-1 – CUC Electric Division.
 - LEAC rate – June 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010 [\$0.24446 per kWh]
 - CDA Preferred Stock Agreement
 - CUC Briefing on Accounts Receivable
4. Docket 10-01 – CUC Water and Wastewater Divisions.
 - Hearing Examiner’s report on CUC January 31, 2010 rate petition, as amended – proposed rate order
5. Other business

Kagman Elementary School
Home of the Blue Marlins
2010 Cultural Day Raffle Ticket Winners

Prize No.	Prize Name	Winning Ticket No.	Winner's Name
Grand Prize	\$1,000.00 CASH	17797	Henara Sasamoto
Baby Grand Prize	\$500.00 CASH	39148	
1st	LG 125 CELL PHONE DONATION (IT&E)	43231	Doris P. Lizama
2nd	\$100 CASH DONATION (SAIPAN BOWLING)	18936	Evelyn M. Diaz
3rd	\$50 GAS GIFT CERTIFICATE (SAIPAN STEVEDORE)	01442	No Name
4th	LUNCH BUFFET FOR ONE (1) AT SAIPAN GRAND HOTEL (AOI REST.)	07430	Dave Feseman
5th	LUNCH BUFFET FOR ONE (1) AT SAIPAN GRAND HOTEL (AOI REST.)	09315	Carlyn
6th	GIFT CERTIFICATE LUNCH FOR TWO (2) AT AQUA RESORT CLUB	29715	No Name
7th	WATER PARK PASS FOR TWO (2) AT PIC	01545	B. Sablan
8th	WATER PARK PASS FOR TWO (2) AT PIC	37484	Helen Taro
9th	FOLDING PICNIC CHAIR W/ BAG (DONATION)	05058	Denise & Jon Blas
10th	ONE (1) CASE QUARTER LEG CHICKEN (DONATION)	19712	
11th	LUNCH FOR TWO (2) AT THE HYATT HOTEL	08536	No Name
12th	LUNCH FOR TWO (2) AT THE HYATT HOTEL	08301	B. Gabo
13th	FUN UNDER THE SUN POOL PACKAGE AT PALMS	38739	No Name
14th	FUN UNDER THE SUN POOL PACKAGE AT PALMS	08927	Maria Cabrera
15th	FUN UNDER THE SUN POOL PACKAGE AT PALMS	31508	Martina Taisacan
16th	ONE (1) SPORT BAG W/ ONE (1) GOLF TOWEL (IT&E)	38735	No Name
17th	ONE (1) SPORT BOTTLE WITH ONE (1) 2XL T-SHIRT	06640	Joe B. Domingo
18th	50 LB. SACK OF RICE (DONATION)	24242	No Name
19th	ONE (1) CASE PORK SPARERIBS (DONATION)	32463	E. Guerrero
20th	ONE (1) CASE ICHIBAN RAMEN (DONATION)	07169	Raymond Santos
22th	IT&E Gift Bag	02836	Roca Sablan
22th	IT&E Gift Bag	02040	Michelle Hamilton
23th	IT&E Gift Bag	03876	L & C

On behalf of Kagman Elementary School, we would like to give our deepest appreciation to all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes for our 2010 Cultural Day Raffle Prizes. You all have made our 2010 Cultural Day a great success.

We would also like to recognize and acknowledge all the 2010 Cultural Day Royal Court Queen and King Candidates for Mr. & Miss Blue Marlin and their hardworking and dedicated parents for making a huge success in our 2010 Cultural Day Celebration Raffle Ticket Sales.

2010 Cultural Day Miss Blue Marlin Queen: Mariana Vicneta “Kikki” C. Teregeyo
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ray and Marriane C. Teregeyo
Royal Princess: Leana Camacho, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Vicente and Erica Camacho
1st Princess: Kaylee Sablan, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Martha R. Sablan
2nd Princess: Nikela Masayos, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Nizer and Rosalina Masayos
3rd Princess: Amber Quitano, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Manny and Veronica Quitano
4th Princess: Frances Rosemarie G. Santos, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Jesus and Dorothy Santos
5th Princess: Ginger Gideon, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ramon and Francisca Daloar
6th Princess: Kuliana Sablan, Parents/Grandparents: Mr. James Sablan and Mr. & Mrs. Juan C. & Angie S. Sablan
7th Princess: Corene Tenorio, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Manny & Novy Tenorio
8th Princess: Liberty De Leon Guerrero, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Pedro De Leon Guerrero
9th Princess: Marifred Napo, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Napo
10th Princess: Kiela Limes, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin and Joylene Limes
11th Princess: Junella Tenorio, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Vivian Tenorio

2010 Cultural Day Mr. Blue Marlin King: Harry Wayne S. Moses II
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wayne and Ann Marie Moses
Royal Prince: Prince Nathaniel Muniz, Parents: Mr. Jonathan T. Muniz and Ms. Mary Ann B. Labasan
1st Prince: Franko Jeffrey Namauleg, Parents: Mr. Franklin Namauleg and Ms. Chimako Rauepi
2nd Prince: Nicholas Berdon, Parents: Mr. Jonathan Sablan and Ms. Gail Berdon
3rd Prince: Riley Estella, Parents: Mr. Fernando Estella and Ms. Leslie Sablan
4th Prince: Geronimo Limes, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin and Joylene Limes
5th Prince: Kyle Peter T. San Nicolas, Parents: Mrs. and Mrs. Donald and Beatriz San Nicolas
6th Prince: Joaquin Kileleman, Parents: Mr. Donald Kileleman and Ms. Janet Villanueva
7th Prince: Jaedryen De Leon Guerrero, Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Repeki
8th Prince: Jarret Rosario, Parents: Ms. Lucinda Rosario

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 27, 1999

Teno: Crack down on prostitution

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday issued fresh calls to police and immigration authorities to clamp down on illegal flesh trade amid reports that prostitutes are back in the main tourist district of Garapan. Residents and businessmen in Garapan have expressed concern of the growing presence of prostitutes, which they say tarnishes the image of the area as a wholesome entertainment destination for visitors. “We don’t tolerate the existence of prostitution,” Tenorio told reporters. “We want to see this discontinued.”

DPL blamed for delay in SNM lease deal

The Division of Public Lands drew fire yesterday from legislators dismayed over apparent stalling by some officials on their plan to grant a 15-year lease extension to the financially-troubled Rota Resort and Country Club. In a joint meeting by the House of Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs, members criticized public lands officials for their inability to immediately resolve differences with resort owner SNM Corporation. Although DPL Director Bertha C. Leon Guerrero took the cudgel for the division during the meeting, Board of Public Lands Chairman Tomas B. Aldan was conspicuously absent, disappointing most committee members who were told the official had been informed prior to the talks.

May 27, 2002

So, where is the money?

Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero denied Friday that the \$2 million Compact Impact payment for Fiscal Year 2002 is already with the Public School System, saying they do not have the expenditure authority over these funds. This comes even as the Tinian senatorial delegation was quoted as saying that the \$2 million is now deposited with a PSS account for use in completing the much-delayed Tinian High School. “Which account? I mean, you have to be careful which account you are talking about because, if they’re saying they’ve given us the money and it’s deposited in our account, we don’t have the expenditure authority over this money, to begin with. The Governor is the expenditure authority on the Compact Impact funds,” Guerrero said.

New minimum wage bill includes NMI

Sen. Edward Kennedy introduced a bill that would increase the U.S. minimum wage to \$5.75 beginning 60 days after the bill is signed into law, with additional increases taking effect on January 1, 2003, and January 1, 2004. The rate on that date would be \$6.65 an hour. The bill also includes sections that would include the implementation of the federal minimum wage for the CNMI. The increases would take place incrementally over a three-year period. “I am disappointed that this language is still in the bill,” stated Washington Representative Pete A. Tenorio. “I was hoping that our meetings and lobbying prior to this bill’s introduction would have prevented this. However, I have been informed be key Senate staff members that there is still room for discussion, and a good possibility that an amendment can be made while the bill is still in committee.”

May 27, 2008

Firm settles FLSA lawsuit

The U.S. District Court has ordered a firm to cease from violating the Federal Labor Standards Act and to pay back wages representing overtime and monetary damages to some 260 employees. Chief Judge Alex R. Munson issued a consent judgment Friday, after NET Corp., which does business as Pacific Coast, apparently came to a settlement with the parties-in-interest. U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao filed the lawsuit on behalf of the employees also on Friday. Based on the consent judgment, the company waived any defense to the workers’ claims and agreed to an entry of such court order.

Saipan Head Start centers get \$2.2M

The House of Representatives approved last week a financing plan earmarking \$2.2 million for the construction of Head Start centers on Saipan. The passage of House Bill 13-277, authored by Rep. Ray Tebuteb, came in a bid to heed federal mandates relating to building capacity space ratio for Head Start program participants. According to the House, the federal grantor agency has advised the Public School System—which oversees the CNMI Head Start program—that it is not in compliance with the federal building capacity ratio.

JOETEN's BEST BUYS OF THE WEEK!

MAY 27 TO JUNE 2



PVC Steel Frame Chair

\$14⁹⁹

Camping Chair Set

\$42⁹⁹

4pc Beach Combo Set

\$29⁹⁹

Folding Chair with Arm & Cup Holder

\$13⁹⁹

68" Beach Umbrella

\$8⁹⁹



Steel Frame Lounge Chair \$19.99
Sleeping Bag 190 x 75cm \$13.99

SUSUPE SHOPPING CENTER
TEL.: 234-6446
THRU SAT. 8:00AM - 9:00PM / SUN. 8:00AM - 7:00PM

DANDAN SUPERMARKET
TEL.: 235-6016
MON. THRU SAT. 8:00AM - 9:00PM

HABA-ADAI SHOPPING CENTER
TEL.: 234-7596
MON. THRU SUN. 8:00AM - 11:00PM

KAGMAN MARKET
TEL.: 256-6441
MON. THRU SAT. 8:00AM - 10:00PM

JOETEN
ACE[®]
HARDWARE

22.5" Black One Touch Silver Grill

sku # 8105207 **\$124.99**

18lb. Royal Oak Charcoal

sku # 8227308 **\$8.49**

Low Back Chair Clay/Sage

sku # 8215618, 26 **\$13.99**

High Back Chair Clay/Sage

sku # 15634, 42 **19.99**

34 Qt. Red Victory Cooler

sku # 82933 **\$30.99**



JOETEN
ACE[®]
HARDWARE

**Come and visit us for more sale!
Hurry, while supplies last!**

Store Hours: Monday - Saturday 8am - 6pm/Sunday 8am - 5pm

SUSUPE BRANCH
Joeten Shopping Center Beach Road, Susupe
Tel: 234-3117 or 6448 - Fax: 235-7568

GUALO RAI BRANCH
Gualo Rai Commercial Center
Middle Road Tel: 235-9322 - Fax: 235-9325

SAN VICENTE BRANCH
San Vicente Road
Tel: 234-3176 - Fax: 235-0007

GENUINE PARTS. GENUINE SERVICE. GENUINE PEACE OF MIND. GENUINE PARTS. GENUINE SERVICE. GENUINE PEACE OF MIND.

NAPA Premium Motor Oil

5W 20, 5W 30, 10W 30,
& 10W 40
Net Wt. 1 Qt.

\$2.85
/ea.



Brake Fluid

Net Wt. 12 fl.oz. (355 ml.)

\$3.00 /EA.

POWER 65 Battery



\$85.00

Call 234-1179 or Visit Us



AUTO PARTS
MARIANAS NAPA, INC.

**Our Location
at Joeten Motors!**

Limited offer,
while supplies last.

WE SELL PARTS FOR ALL KINDS OF CARS & TRUCKS

Opinion

Hafa Adai!

Saipan Tribune

CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER
Volume XX, Issue No. 125Published daily at 2/F JP Center,
Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI
Mailing Address: PMB 34, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950Jayvee L. Vallejera EDITOR
Mark Rabago ASSISTANT EDITOR

MEMBER

AP The Associated Press

Pacific Islands News Association

EDITORIAL

A creation question

(c) 2010, Los Angeles Times

Molecular biologist J. Craig Venter's announcement last week sounded like something out of a science-fiction film (or a Michael Crichton thriller): His team created living bacteria cells from genetic material designed by computer and assembled in a laboratory. Venter didn't exactly pull a Dr. Frankenstein—bacteria aren't complex organisms, and Venter's team didn't start completely from scratch. Still, his feat raises difficult questions about the expanding boundaries of science and the nature of life.

Scientists have made slow but steady progress in decoding the relationship between genes and cell functions, and in modifying organisms' DNA by inserting new segments. Venter's team appears to be the first to successfully replace all of a cell's genes with a man-made genome. The researchers had copied the genome from an existing bacterium, *Mycoplasmata mycoides*, with a few tweaks thrown in as watermarks. They then inserted the laboratory-made DNA into a related but smaller microbe, which replicated itself into new cells controlled by the synthetic genes. The achievement was an incremental step for the group, which previously had replaced all of a bacterium's genes with those of a related species. Yet it also pushes the ethical and moral questions surrounding such research to a whole new level.

Did Venter's breakthrough amount to creating life, or just modifying it? The answer matters profoundly. The genetic material was man-made, but the cell was formed by nature. The DNA needed a cell to inhabit; the cell needed DNA to dictate its nature and replication pattern.

Either way, Venter's achievement suggests that humanity will have to consider a far more complicated definition of life in the future. Most of what we are is determined by our DNA. Will organisms produced Venter's way deserve the same protections as those created naturally? What would we do if the organisms prove innately superior to their unmodified brethren and start to crowd them out? What if these organisms were human? What does all this say about the religious notion that only God can create life? Doesn't it lend credence to the theory that life could have arisen naturally from the teeming laboratory of Earth's beginnings?

For better or worse, we'll have years to debate these issues. Scientists have yet to unlock the secret of how to get genes to work together in a chromosome, or how to engineer complex genomes. So the foreseeable scientific advances arising from Venter's breakthrough would center on microbes as possible tools for good, such as environmental cleanup, or for evil, such as biological weapons. But if the technology grows exponentially more sophisticated, the arguments about the sanctity of life will make the debate over stem cells look tame.



Work to live

"...I worked for a menial's hire, only to learn dismayed that any wage I had asked of Life, Life would have willingly paid."—J.B. Rittenhouse

With the recession still in full force, many individuals are evaluating their circumstances and trying to discover a better way to live. Generally, you can divide people into three categories: Those who work to live, those who live to work, and those who live off the work of others.

Let's start with the people who **live off those who work**. For whatever reason, they are not able to sustain themselves or anyone else in their care. The slow economy has caused people to lose jobs, austerity measures combined with inflation and rising fuel and utility costs are making it difficult to live on what little is being made, and more people find they need the assistance of government welfare programs, food stamps, their church, or friends and family to make it through the month.

Some have learned to exploit the situation and have intentionally created a comfortable life of leisure from not working. People will naturally seek the course of least resistance and as long as the system supports those who intentionally live off the efforts of others, they will always exist. The tradeoff to having this comfortable lifestyle is they have sacrificed their self-determination and given control of their lives to the providers. As long as there is a source of support, they can maintain their lifestyle, but if it is interrupted for any reason, their peaceful existence will be disrupted and there will be chaos.

Those who **live to work** find that life is a breakeven proposition because they make just enough money to last them to the next paycheck. Some have to scrape and scrimp, borrow or beg so that they can make car, house, and loan payments before the collectors call. Many have the appearance of doing well, but their façade is held up by credit cards.

Most people are only two paychecks away from bankruptcy; they live beyond their means, and have accumulating a mountain of debt. To an outsider, they appear to make a lot of money and live a luxurious lifestyle, but the reality is they are worried about the future and find themselves in a velvet-padded rut that is comfortable, but nevertheless it is still a rut without an escape plan. The only difference between a rut and a grave is that a rut has both sides knocked out.

This group is prey to the latest get-rich-quick scheme and peddlers of the self-improvement movement because they're looking for the secret, a system, or the answer that will give them their golden ticket in life. They've paid hundreds of dollars on books, tapes, and web-

By RIK and JANEL VILLEGAS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rik is a business instructor at NMC and Janel is a partner with BizResults, LLC. They can be contacted at biz_results@yahoo.com.



based courses that promise to help them escape the rat race.

A few of those in the live-to-work group have persisted in their efforts, and through trial and error have emerged into the last group of people who **work to live**. They have achieved a lifestyle that is the envy of others because it appears that they love their job or the business they started, and they get paid well to do it. They are not necessarily rich nor do they have a large bank account. They know the value of money and have learned to master it so they don't become a slave to the dollar. Benjamin Franklin once said that to be happy you can either diminish your wants or augment your means. In other words, spend less or make more.

Instead of waiting until retirement, they have learned to enjoy the journey of life by taking breaks periodically to do the things they love with the people they love. This gives them a better perspective on life and allows them to recharge so they are ready for any challenge. They are not only successful in work or business, but have learned to balance their life in a way that allows them to have greater joy and to have more time to stay fit, learn a new skill, or pursue a spiritual quest. They also make time to build stronger relationships with their family and friends, volunteer for worthy causes, and help those in need.

People in this third category are also in control of their lives and their future. They know where they are going and have purposefully achieved an idyllic state because they were fortunate to learn some principles from their parents or a mentor. Most, however, have learned how to live to the fullest because of a series of errors that have given them valuable lessons to shape their life, gain a broader perspective, and point them in the right direction.

What is the point of discussing these three groups? It is to get you to think about your current situation and determine where you want to be and how you want to live. Do you want to be dependent on others or the government for your existence, are you working yourself too hard and showing too little for your efforts, or do you want to have greater control over your life and pursue your dreams? Whatever wage you ask of life, life will willingly pay.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The *Saipan Tribune* welcomes comments on any article, column, editorial, or topic that may be of interest to the public. Letters to the editor must include the name, address, and contact number of the contributor. Letters that are critical in nature should focus on issues, not personalities. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

Letters to the Editor

Gross misrepresentations of history

I would like to respond to Mr. Agulto’s letter to the editor in the May 25th edition of the *Saipan Tribune*. There are some gross misrepresentations of history within his comments and some important omissions within his comments.

First, let us put World War II in context. It was a bloody battle in which the Japanese fought a war of criminal aggression against its neighbors. They started it and committed horrendous acts of genocide that made what the Nazis did in Germany pale in comparison. They also attacked the United States first. During that war, the Japanese used chemical and biological weapons in Asia and even went so far as to drop biological munitions on the continental Untied States in the form of bubonic plague carrying bombs delivered by high altitude balloons. It was one of the bloodiest conflicts in human history and the world is better off that the forces of fascism lost.

That said, I want to point out several facts regarding the war here in the Marianas and the atomic bomb. First, the Japanese brutalized the people of the Marianas Islands during the war, using them as slave labor. There were even orders from Tojo (which were fortunately not carried out) to kill the entire indigenous population of the Marianas before a U.S. invasion as part of a Scorched Earth policy. Our invasion stopped that...thank you!

Second, on the island of Tinian, there had been no indigenous people living there at the time of the atom bomb missions. The Spanish had moved them off long before. It wasn’t until the 1950s when the U.S. Navy gave lands back to the descendants of the indigenous that any Chamorros or Carolinians lived there. So, who did the U.S. military displace and inconvenience? Oh yeah, that’s right, the Japanese. . .the folks who bombed Pearl Harbor and killed millions of people in their war of conquest.

As for the U.S. being a global superpower, well the fact is this: The diversity and ingenuity of the American people, coupled with her industrial might, vast resources and technological know-how made the U.S. a global power, not Tinian or Saipan. We split the atom, went to the Moon (six times) won two world wars and saved most of the world from tyranny pretty much on our own. In fact, the British Empire (the premier power at the time) was getting its behind whipped until we Yanks showed up! The islands of the CNMI were nothing more than convenient outcroppings of stone in a vast ocean for which to land our B-29s on. If it wasn’t for Tinian, another rock would have been found, so don’t give yourself too much credit, CNMI. I think those folks working on the Manhattan project, along with the millions of people in the factories and farms of America, plus the combined forces of the Army, Navy, Marines, Army Air Corps and Coast Guard had more to do with the victory in the Pacific than these islands. Saipan and Tinian were simply the place where history was made. General Holland “Howling Mad”

Bombs armed on takeoff

In response to Francisco Agulto’s letter to the editor on May 25, he said the U.S. put all the islands in the Mariana archipelago at risk when it armed two of the atomic bombs on Tinian.

Bombs in World War II were never armed on the ground; they were always armed after take off. This prevented a rough ride down the runway and prevented a possible explosion on takeoff or if the plane crashed. This was true not only on Tinian but wherever the U.S. was flying missions.

Also, the atom bombs on Tinian were so heavy that it was a real risk each takeoff. The bombs were so big and heavy that it was necessary to dig a pit to assemble the bombs, and then roll the plane over them in order to winch up the bombs into the plane. As a result they were never sure if—if—the plane could get off of the ground. If and when they were airborne the firing devices were installed in the smoothness of flight as the target approached.

Franklin Keiper
Mayer, Arizona

Smith, Col. Paul Tibbetts and Pvt. Guy Gabaldon and the others who defeated the Japanese here were the ones who *made history*. Don’t forget it!

I love these arguments: “Let’s not forget that the U.S. put all the islands in the Mariana archipelago at risk when it armed two of the atomic bombs that were dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.” No, the Japanese did when they attacked the U.S. and started World War II! Fun fact: Many more people in Japan were killed during the conventional bombing raids launched from Saipan and Tinian than both atomic bomb missions combined. In fact the U.S. Army Air Corps burned to death over 100,000 in Tokyo in one night alone. The Hiroshima bomb killed around 80,000. “No one on these islands were notified or alerted about this...” Because there was a war on! You don’t tell your enemies or potential enemies your secret plans to win the war. That is why they call them secrets!

I am not trying to sound like a warmonger or hurt anyone’s feelings. It is just that war is hell and we know that the only good that comes out of a war is its end. I happen to know many people who swear up and down that the fact that we dropped the bomb saved their lives. These were guys who were slated to be in the invasion of Japan. It is estimated that had the U.S. not dropped the bombs and the Japanese had gone on fighting, the casualties would have been around 4-5 million Japanese dead and about 1 million Americans dead. Truman made the right choice; that choice saved lives.

As for the way the U.S. has treated the indigenous peoples of the CNMI, well, all I can say is this: The Japanese would never allow any discussion about “federalization,” nor would the Japanese ever had allowed the people of the CNMI to have voted on the Covenant and if it wanted independence or not. No, any dissent would have been met with a firing squad or decapitation by a samurai sword. How do I know? Well, I know a few people who were guests of the Japanese during the Bataan Death March. I also can read history books.

Mitch Westland
via e-mail

Facts

In Interior’s report to the U.S. Congress, it stated the following as facts:

- At present the CNMI is not generating enough revenue to accommodate our needs.
- By giving alien workers improved status, businesses could save money from labor fees and others expenses that they will have to pay for their employees.
- We will have more population and more skilled people to help build our economy.
- The CNMI is not capable of generating its own revenue without these alien workers.
- The CNMI does not have enough skilled workers that are productive in generating revenue and providing services for our government.
- The CNMI immigration and labor systems were taken over by the federal government because someone reported that we abuse our alien workers. (We don't know how to treat our alien workers as humans.)
- The highest number of alien workers are Filipinos and the second are the Chinese.
- The reason for the CNMI’s revenue decline was the closing of the garment industry and the airline pullout.
- Among the remaining business establishments generating money for the CNMI government, a majority employs alien workers.

Are these statements correct? If yes, then what can we say about these? What are the good things and what are the bad things? Think carefully, this could be our last chance to prove ourselves worthy of running our own government.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

Change is already taking place

We have seen several articles printed in the newspapers about Article XII. The Citizens for Change to Article XII appreciate the interest being shown. It is obvious that we need to revisit Article XII and to decide what it is that we want.

As was pointed out in several newspaper articles, Article XII would have been with us for a period of 25 years by 2011. It is as the framers of the Covenant and our Constitution envisioned, a period covering one generation.

The framers were aware that the 25-year period would be enough for us to have matured and developed to fully understand values. More importantly, that in the 25-year period, we certainly would be responsible members of the community who can and should take full charge of our lives.

The Citizens for Change to Article XII share the thoughts of the framers of our Covenant and Constitution, that we should examine Article XII at the 25th year period.

In almost all the articles printed in the Letter to the Editor, there is a realization that the intent of Article XII to protect the very people it was supposed to protect is slowly eroding due to the dilution of blood quantum. It is a fact that our community has changed and will continue to change and at a much faster rate. There are several families on island right now whose children are at the 25-percent threshold. Should they marry outside the NMD line, their offspring will be displaced. Yet their offspring will still have NMD bloodline even if less than 25 percent.

However, an adopted child with no NMD bloodline is 100 percent NMD by virtue of the adopting parents being 100 percent NMD. What do we say to those offspring that are less than the 25 percent threshold blood quantum?

The preservation of culture is not tied exclusively to ownership of land. Culture is what we practice and what is handed down whether one lives in the CNMI or elsewhere in the world. Culture is best preserved by passing on our customs and practices. That can be accomplished without being an owner of land. Education is the key word.

We the Citizens for Change to Article XII support the complete repeal of Article XII. We believe in the complete and unconditional ownership of perhaps the most valuable possession—land. Because of Article XII, no one has complete and absolute ownership of one’s land for the simple reason that the selling of land is limited to only those of NMD.

Is this what we want? Do we want the government and the public to dictate how one’s private land can be disposed of? If we are the owner of a land, shouldn’t we have the absolute right to manage and even dispose of it which every way we want? Let’s compare to owning a car or a house. Would it be right for the government or the public to regulate the discarding/selling of your belongings? Article XII is exactly that.

The Citizens for Change to Article XII point out that repealing Article XII DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE FORCED TO SELL YOUR LAND. What you do with your land should be your choice. You can chose to only lease it as is now or do anything with it. In the event, however, that you decide to sell, you are free to seek out the best offer and over a larger market than what it is now.

On the fear of being displaced, we are all free to move about. To say that no one should sell off his or her land in the interest of ensuring not being displaced is unrealistic and contrary to the very nature of mankind, which is to socialize, to blend in and to expand and seek opportunities.

Let us not be afraid to change especially if the change is for the better. After 25 years, our community is very different from what it was then. It will continue to change and there is nothing that can be done to keep change from happening. All we need to do is look around us as even within ourselves, changes are taking place. One fundamental change now is that land partitioning is given out on an equal basis rather than the previous practice of giving the youngest in the family the largest portion. To continue holding on to the provisions contained under Article XII does not benefit the community.

Efrain F. Camacho
Chairman, Citizens for Change to Article XII

A couple of questions

The following is the mission statement of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a federal agency that Ms. Lori Haley represents: “*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is the largest investigative agency in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Formed in 2003 as part of the federal government’s response to the 9/11 attacks, ICE mission is to protect the security of the American people and homeland by vigilantly enforcing the nation’s Immigration and Customs Laws. The office of Detention*

and Removal is the primary enforcement arm within ICE for the identification, apprehension and removal of illegal aliens from the United States. The resources and expertise of DRO are utilized to identify and apprehend illegal aliens, fugitive aliens, and criminal aliens, to manage them while in custody and to enforce order of removal from the United States.”

- My questions are:
1. Does ICE have the funding and the detention facility to carry out its duties in the apprehension and removal of illegal aliens in the CNMI?
 2. You mentioned criminal aliens; what about illegal aliens in

the CNMI?






3. Is ICE authorized to work with state and local enforcement agencies?
4. What is ICE going to do with “overstayers” or unemployed illegal aliens in our homeland now being harbored and protected by the Federal Ombudsman and Department of the Interior, who are waiting for an act of Congress to grant them permanent residency or U.S. citizenship?

Gregorio Cruz
Taotao Tano CNMI Inc.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Yap	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 81
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 79

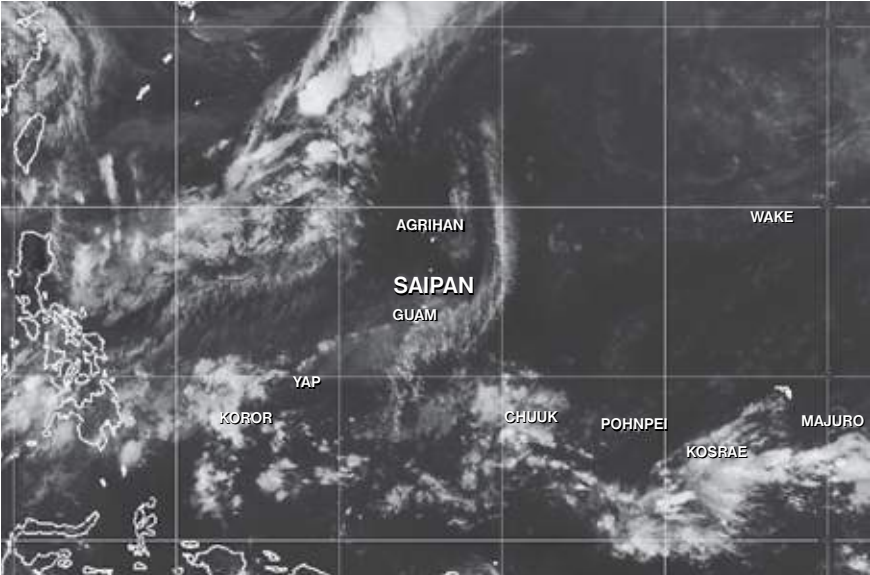
Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲ 60 ▼ 53
Beijing	Showers	▲ 72 ▼ 60
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 85
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 51
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 74
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 67
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 58
Paris	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 48
Pusan	Windy	▲ 64 ▼ 54
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 60
Salem	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53 ▼ 49
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 56
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 71 ▼ 60
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 72

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:54 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	
5:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
1:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	
8:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front extends southwestward from north of 25N135E to 24N130E. An upper-level low northwest of the Marianas is centered at about 21N144E. These two features are combining to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 250 miles of a line from 25N139E to 19N130E. A cold front enters the discussion area at 24N180 and becomes a shear-line just north of Wake Island at 19N168E then continues east to end at 19N160E. Scattered showers are found within 150 miles north of this boundary. A surface trough runs from 12N136E to 6N130E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found west of Koror between 2N and 11N from 131E to 134E Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Chuuk between 5N and 10N from 148E to 152E and south of Pohnpei, Kosrae and south and east and north of Majuro within 240 miles of a line from 5N153E to 1N159E to 4N166E to 5N172E to beyond 9N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:06 PM	4:43 AM
Friday	7:04 PM	5:35 AM
Saturday	7:59 PM	6:30 AM
Sunday	8:50 PM	7:25 AM
Monday	9:37 PM	8:20 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM C09597 5:00am 5:30am 1, 5	GUAM-ROTA (ROP) C09598 6:30pm 7:00pm 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	GUAM-SAIPAN C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 5:55am 8:35am Daily DL297 3:35pm 6:15pm Daily DL289 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL290 10:00am 2:35pm Daily DL298 10:30am 3:05pm Daily DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ604 2:20am 6:10am 1 OZ604 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ606 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN OZ605 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ603 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ603 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) OZ604/701 2:20am 11:25am 1 via ICN OZ604/701 2:50am 11:25am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN OZ606/703 2:20am 11:00pm 1 via ICN OZ606/703 2:50am 11:00pm 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN OZ608/705 3:20am 12:10am+1 1, 5 via PUS C09317/891 4:25am 9:45am 6 via GUM C09603/893 3:05pm 9:10pm 3, 5 via GUM-Palau C09603/933 3:05pm 8:40pm Daily via GUM	MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN OZ704/605 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN OZ706/607 3:35am 2:20am+1 4, 7 via PUS C0890/9606 10:55am 9:00pm 6 via GUM OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM C0892/9596 10:10pm 7:50am+1 3, 5 via GUM-Palau C0934/9596 10:55pm 7:50am+1 Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG OZ604/721 2:20am 11:45am 1 via ICN OZ604/721 2:50am 11:45am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN OZ606/749 3:30pm 11:00pm 4, 6, 7 via ICN C09603/909 3:05am 9:30pm 1, 5 via GUM	HONG KONG-SAIPAN OZ724/605 12:30am 2:20pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN OZ750/605 1:00am 2:20pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN OZ722/603 1:15pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ722/603 1:15pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN C0910/9596 10:35pm 7:50am+1 1, 5 via GUM
Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)	

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

GET YOUR PICTURES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED—FOR FREE

The *Saipan Tribune* accepts for FREE publication the following:

PICTURES

- ISLAND SNAPSHOTS Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.
- BIRTHDAY GREETINGS A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.
- BUSINESS Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
- SAMUT SARI Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
- TRAVELOGUE Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.

■ CAMPUS BULLETIN Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

For pictures:

- Photos should be original and not copyrighted. Contributors must have the right to allow the *Saipan Tribune* to publish the pictures.
- Digital pictures should be high-resolution (minimum of 800kb).
- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and phone number.
- Photos must have been taken in the last two months.
- For birthday greetings, must be submitted no later than 12 noon of the previous day to make it to next day's edition.

For announcements:

- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when),

the name of contact person, and a phone number.

- Must be submitted no later than 12 noon to make it to next day's edition.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com or jayvee_vallejera@saipantribune.com.
- Fax: (670) 235-3740
- Mail: PMB 34, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, CNMI 96950
- Drop off: 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan To check if contributions are received, call (670) 235-6397, 235-2440, 235-8747

POLICY

- The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to accept or reject a contribution for publication; the right to edit all contributions, the date of publication, size of the picture, and page placement; and the right to publish contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats.
- The *Saipan Tribune* will decide how often community announcements are going to be published.
- For Travelogue, the *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to choose which pictures to publish.

NEWS DESK For news tips, corrections and requests for news coverage, call (670) 235-NEWS (6397), 235-2440, fax 235,3740. E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com. Website:www.saipantribune.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE For inquiries, purchase of back issues and complaints, call (670) 235-8747, 235-2440, fax 235-3740.

SUBSCRIPTION Published Monday to Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* offers door-to-door on-island delivery at an annual rate of \$160. For additional subscription information, call (670) 235-8747 or 235-2769, or fax 235-3740.

ADVERTISING For inquiries contact (670) 235-2769. E-mail: sales@saipantribune.com



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

DEQ sets deadline for report on water quality

The Division of Environmental Quality's Safe Drinking Water Branch is reminding operators of Community Water Systems to distribute the Consumer Confidence Report for year 2009 to its customers by July 1, 2010. A copy of the CCR must be delivered to DEQ by July 1, 2010.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

John Gonzales LIVE today

May 27, live 7pm-9pm; replay Monday, May 31, 7pm-8pm and 8:30pm-9:30pm

Topic: Indigenous alternative recommendations to the U.S. DOI report to Congress on improved status for foreign workers per US PL 110-229

Guests:

1. Oscar C. Rasa, Spokesperson, NMD for Self-Govt and Indigenous Rights, former Speaker and Covenant negotiator;

2. Juan I. Tenorio, former congressman

3. Carol T. Peter-Hosono, mother and new generation indigenous leader

4. Kodep Uludong, new generation and indigenous youth leader

5. Juan S. Reyes (Liling), former congressman

6. Ike DLG. Demapan, executive assistant for Indigenous Affairs and former congressman.

Call 287-4230, Text 285. META (6382), or Email johngonzales@pticom.com for your question or comment. (PR)

Kili on Marianas Agupa

U.S. Rep. Gregorio C. Sablan (D-MP) will be on Marianas Agupa this Saturday, May 29, 2010, to discuss his office's accomplishments and his re-election bid to the U.S. Congress. The show is from 10am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona with special guest host, former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday from 9am to 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator, former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, e-mail marianasagupa@gmail.com. (PR)

Dandan Elementary School Cultural Day

Dandan Elementary School will be hosting a Cultural Day fundraising event on Saturday, June 12, 2010, from 8:30am to 3pm at the school's multi-purpose stage. The theme of the event is "Cultural Day Celebrates the Island Way!" There will be lots of food, prizes, games and entertainment! For more information, call 237-3662. (PR)

Acceptable CCR distribution methods include:

■ Mail or deliver one copy of the report to each customer

■ Systems that bill customers by mail should mail a copy of the CCR to each billed customer. Enough copies of the CCR should be sent to single billed customers that have multiple

residential units, such as apartment buildings, so that each residential unit can receive a copy.

■ Bottled water companies should directly deliver the CCR to each of their customer's homes during home delivery of water, deliver copies of the CCR to retail outlets for distribution with retail sales, and

post notices on bulk water retail tanks that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Community water systems serving 500 or fewer people (hotels, garment factories, etc.) may either post the CCR in an appropriate location for their resident workers, or post a notice that the CCR is available upon request.

Every community water system must make its CCR available to the public upon request.

For water system operators that require assistance in preparing their CCR, they may use the following EPA document: *Preparing your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report: Revised Guidance for water suppliers* dated January 2001. This document is available on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>. DEQ Safe Drinking Water Staff are also available to review a draft of the CCR. Arrange an appointment with CCR coordinator Julie De la Rosa at 664-8500 prior to June 18, 2010 for help with preparing the CCR. (DEQ)

The Set marks first year

Business opportunities on island may have gone by the wayside these past few years, but one venture that has proven quite resilient is mixed martial arts and locally designed clothing.

The Set recently celebrated its first year anniversary and one of its owners, Kurt Sablan, said the apparel store is looking at a bright future ahead despite the tough economic times.

"With local consumers leaving for off-island and the hard work and time that was invested into the business, we have always believed that if we move forward and think positive, then the store will be successful," he said.

Sablan said while The Set still has a long way to go before its owners realize their goals, he is happy that the store was able to

establish a niche for itself in the islands' ultra competitive local apparel market.

"Among the biggest rewards that we received this past year is local customers that again and again have purchased our unique designs of local trends that truly represent the CNMI," he added.

Sablan also announced that The Set recently inked an agreement with a local tour company that would bring Japanese, Korean, and Chinese tourists to its store at the Cabrera Center to snap up souvenir T-shirts.

"That would allow our tourist customers to purchase our clothing brands and other items for souvenirs and gifts that represent the CNMI as they are about to leave the island. It will be a sort of keep-

sake and souvenir reminding them of their stay on the islands," he said.

The Set carries six locally designed clothing brands, namely Chokechain, Figo, Kulan Zamu,

Local, Kmmnwth, and Marianas Pacific brands. Its T-shirts range in price from \$18 to \$24.

Aside from local clothing, The Set also offers quality graphic designs and screen-

printing services from Saipan Apparel, which like the store, is locally owned and operated.

For more information, call The Set at 235-3738. (Saipan Tribune)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Set owner Kurt Sablan, left, poses with Japanese tourists inside his store.

Delta donates school, office supplies to MHS

Delta Air Lines recently donated \$1,390 in school and office supplies from National Office Supply to Marianas High School. The proceeds were from the 2009 Delta Air Lines Golf Tournament for Children's Education. All funds raised at the annual tournament are donated to various children's educational charities or activities in the CNMI including the Rotary Club of Saipan's Parade of Books event.

Delta Air Lines is the world's largest airline. A member of the SkyTeam Alliance, Delta services every single continent except Antarctica. It is headquartered in Atlanta where it operates the world's busiest hub. Other hubs include New York City, Detroit, Cincinnati, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Memphis, Salt Lake City, Tokyo-Narita, Amsterdam and Paris. Western gateway cities in-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Photo shows, from left, Delta sales representative Christopher A. Concepcion, Marianas High School principal Karen Borja, and Delta sales representative Esther F. Sound.

clude Honolulu, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Delta operates three daily flights between Saipan

and Tokyo-Narita and will resume daily services to Nagoya in June. SkyMiles is Delta's frequent flier program. (PR)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Vidal Camacho, who is celebrating his 2nd birthday today, May 27, 2010. Greetings come from the family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday greetings go out to Justina Lee, who is celebrating her 13th birthday today, May 27, 2010. We love you always! Greetings come from the family.

Business

BoH signs joint market devt pact with China UnionPay

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Bank of Hawaii and China UnionPay signed a joint market development agreement last Tuesday to enhance acceptance of the more than 2.1 billion cards which have been issued by CUP member banks at BOH's automated teller machine network and merchant terminals.

This is the first joint market development agreement for ATM and merchant terminals CUP has signed with a U.S. bank.

By offering Chinese language transaction screens on Bank of Hawaii ATM terminals and making merchant terminals CUP card-enabled, it will be more convenient for Chinese visitors and CUP cardholders to access funds and make purchases and payments in Hawaii. With this agreement, BOH and CUP will also promote each other in their respective markets.

The signing ceremony at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel was attended by Cai Jianbo, First Executive Vice President of China

UnionPay, and other executives from CUP; and by Al Landon, BOH Chairman and CEO, Peter Ho, BOH President and Chief Banking Officer, and other BOH executives.

Landon said, "With a growing number of visitors from China coming to Hawaii every year, this is a tremendous opportunity to provide extended customer service, and to ensure they are able to access funds and make transactions when needed. This agreement is expected to help Chinese tourism and spending here in Hawaii, and ultimately will help to create an overall positive experience in Hawaii for Chinese visitors."

Cai Jianbo said, "Hawaii is one of the most important markets for CUP. CUP attaches great importance to the cooperation with BOH. The two parties shall explore further cooperation opportunities on the basis of this agreement."

BOH's Ho said, "This agreement is the result of the great work and expertise of the in-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bank of Hawaii chairman and CEO Al Landon and president and chief banking officer Peter Ho present a koa canoe to China Union first executive vice president Payai Jianbo during the joint market development agreement signing ceremony at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

ternational teams of both China UnionPay and Bank of Hawaii. Both teams worked tirelessly to ensure this agreement would be advantageous for both China and Hawaii. We

are excited this agreement has come to fruition and we look

forward to better serving visitors from China." (BoH)

5 weeks of gushing oil: 'Top kill' plug readied

WASHINGTON (AP)—Marking five disastrous weeks, BP readied yet another attempt to slow the oil gushing into the Gulf on Tuesday as a federal report alleged drilling regulators have been so close to oil and gas companies they've been accepting gifts and even negotiating to go work for them.

President Barack Obama prepared to head to the Gulf on Friday to review efforts to halt the millions of gallons of contaminating crude, while scientists said underwater video of the leak showed the plume growing significantly darker, suggesting heavier, more-polluting oil is spewing out.

Ahead of his trip to the

Gulf, Obama planned to address an Interior Department review of offshore drilling that's expected to recommend tougher safety protocols and inspections for the industry, according to an administration official. The official spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the public release Thursday of the findings of the 30-day review Obama ordered after the spill.

BP's next effort to stop the damaged oil well, perhaps Wednesday, will be to force-feed heavy drilling mud and cement into the well to plug it up. The tactic, called a "top kill," has never been tried a mile beneath the sea, and company executives estimate its chances of

success at 60 to 70 percent.

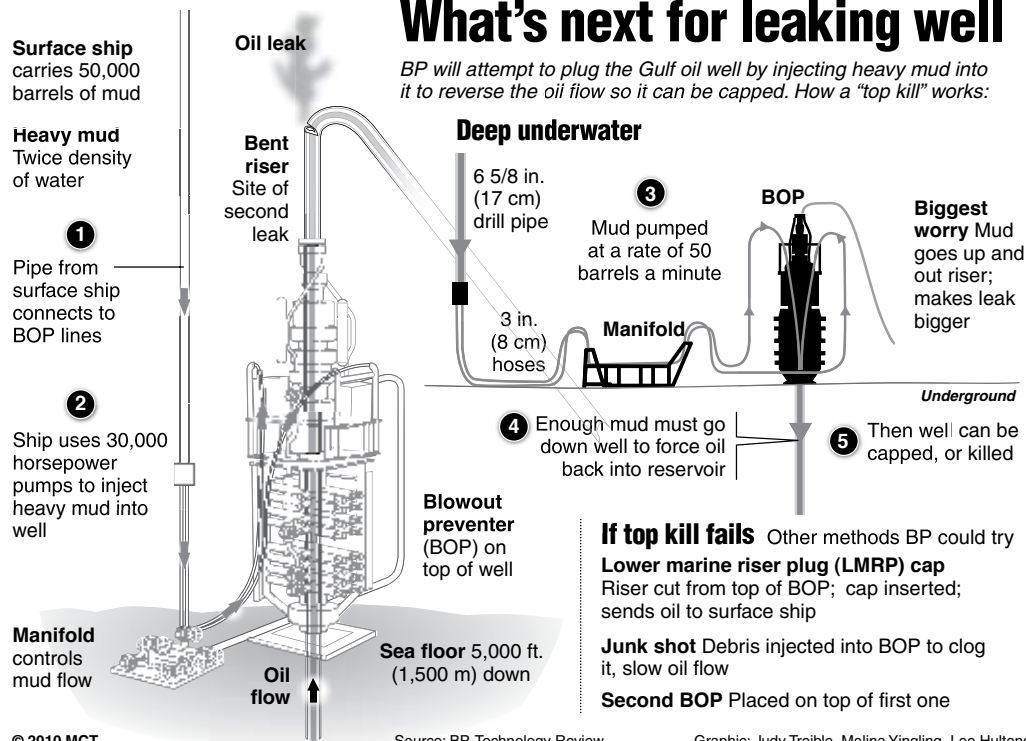
Also on Tuesday, in Jackson, Miss., 11 men who died in the April 20 rig explosion were honored at a somber memorial service with tributes from country music stars and drilling company executives.

"This is the one of the most difficult days for many of us here. But for the families of our 11 lost colleagues, this is just another of many difficult days," said Steven Newman, CEO of Transocean Ltd., the Swiss-based owner of the Deepwater Horizon rig.

In Washington, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said he has been laboring to root out problems at the agency that regulates offshore drilling.

What's next for leaking well

BP will attempt to plug the Gulf oil well by injecting heavy mud into it to reverse the oil flow so it can be capped. How a "top kill" works:



© 2010 MCT

Source: BP, Technology Review

Graphic: Judy Treible, Melina Yingling, Lee Hulteng

Govt: 89 deaths are tied to Toyota acceleration

WASHINGTON (AP)—Unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles may have been involved in the deaths of 89 people over the past decade, upgrading the number of deaths possibly linked to the massive recalls, the government said Tuesday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that from 2000 to mid-May, it had received more than 6,200 complaints involving sudden acceleration in Toyota vehicles. The reports include 89 deaths and 57 injuries over the same period. Previously, 52 deaths had been suspected of being connected to the problem.

Toyota Motor Corp. has re-

called more than 8 million vehicles worldwide since last fall because of problems with gas pedals, floor mats and brakes. The Japanese automaker paid a record \$16.4 million fine for its slow response to an accelerator pedal recall and is facing hundreds of state and federal lawsuits.

Toyota said in a statement that it "sympathizes with the individuals and families involved in any accident involving our vehicles. We are making an all-out effort to ensure our vehicles are safe and we remain committed to investigating reported incidents of unintended acceleration in our vehicles quickly."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fed boss: Fed must be free from political meddling

TOKYO (AP)—The Federal Reserve and other central banks must protect their ability to make key economic decisions free from political interference, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said Wednesday. As governments move ahead on reforms to prevent another global financial crisis like the one in 2008, Bernanke stressed the importance of the Fed and central banks in other countries maintaining their independence over setting interest rates, known as monetary policy. The Fed, for instance, often must make decisions such as boosting rates to keep inflation in check that are unpopular with politicians but are necessary for a healthy economy.

Welfare group: Hidden video shows Ohio cows beaten

CLEVELAND (AP)—An animal welfare group said Tuesday that a graphic video it secretly recorded shows workers at a dairy farm beating cows with crowbars, stabbing them with pitchforks and punching them in their heads. The video was recorded in an undercover investigation at Conklin Dairy Farms Inc., said Mercy For Animals, a not-for-profit group that publicizes what it calls cruel practices in the dairy, meat and egg industries and promotes a vegan diet. The video shows workers holding down newborn calves and stomping on their heads. It shows one worker wiring a cow's nose to a metal bar near the ground and repeatedly beating it with another bar while it bleeds.

STOCK Portfolio	
ASIAN MARKETS	
AUSTRALIA	4,330.40 Up 44.10 (+1.03%)
HONG KONG	19,080.64 Up 95.14 (+0.50%)
JAKARTA	2,622.20 Up 108.08 (+4.30%)
TOKYO	9,522.66 Up 62.77 (+0.66%)
K. LUMPUR	1,250.73 Up 0.60 (+0.05%)
MANILA	3,125.15 Up 22.56 (+0.73%)
SINGAPORE	2,693.80 Up 43.19 (+1.63%)
SEOUL	1,582.12 Up 21.29 (+1.36%)
BANGKOK	724.39 Up 3.10 (+0.43%)

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW
10,043.75
-22.82

NASDAQ
2,210.95
0.00

S&P
1,074.03
0.00

MONEY MARKET

Australian Dollar	1.216
British Pound	0.6965
Canadian Dollar	1.0742
Chinese Renmbi	6.8312
Euro	0.8146
Hong Kong Dollar	7.8018
Indian Rupee	47.505
Indonesian Rupiah	9365
Japanese Yen	90.095
Malaysian Ringgit	3.342
New Zealand Dollar	1.5017
Philippine Peso	46.795
Singapore Dollar	1.4136
South Korean Won	1252.275
Swiss Franc	1.1615
Taiwan Dollar	32.3
Thailand Baht	32.555

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

Nation

Obama to send 1,200 troops to the Mexican border



In this Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 file photo, a National Guard unit patrols at the Arizona-Mexico border on Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 in Sasabe, Ariz.

AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Under pressure to take action, President Barack Obama on Tuesday ordered 1,200 National Guard troops to boost security along the U.S.-Mexico border, preempting Republican efforts to force a congressional vote to send the troops.

Obama will also request \$500 million for border protection and law enforcement activities, according to lawmakers and administration officials.

The president's action comes as chances for comprehensive immigration reform, Obama's long-stated goal, look increasingly dim in this election

year. Obama has been all but compelled to do something since Arizona's passage of a tough illegal-immigration law thrust the border problem into the public spotlight.

Indeed, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer credited her signing of the controversial new law for compelling Obama to act. Signing the law, Brewer said in a statement, "clearly ignited the talk of action in Washington for the people of Arizona and other border states."

The National Guard troops will work on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, analysis and

training, and support efforts to block drug trafficking. They will temporarily supplement Border Patrol agents until Customs and Border Protection can recruit and train additional officers and agents to serve on the border, according to a letter Tuesday from top administration security officials to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich.

In 2006, President George W. Bush sent thousands of troops to the border to perform support duties that tie up immigration agents. But that program has since ended, and politicians in bor-

der states have called for troops to be sent to curb human and drug smuggling and to deal with Mexico's drug violence that has been spilling over into the United States.

The White House released the letter signed by national security adviser James Jones and White House counterterrorism chief John Brennan not long after Obama met at the Capitol with Republican senators who pressed him on immigration issues, including the question of sending troops to the border.

Arizona Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl have been urging such a move, and Republicans planned to try to require it as an amendment to a pending war

spending bill.

In a speech Tuesday on the Senate floor, McCain said the situation on the U.S.-Mexico border has "greatly deteriorated." He called for 6,000 National Guard troops to be sent, and he asked for \$250 million more to pay for them.

"I appreciate the additional 1,200 being sent ... as well as an additional \$500 million, but it's simply not enough," McCain said.

McCain's amendment would direct the defense secretary to deploy the National Guard troops. The letter from Jones and Brennan took scathing aim at that approach.

Calif. to consider marked IDs for sex offenders

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The father of a 14-year-old girl who was raped and murdered joined the latest legal offensive against registered sex offenders in California when he backed legislation to require them to carry marked driver's licenses.

The endorsement by Maurice Dubois on Tuesday was part of a growing push to overhaul the way the state punishes and tracks such criminals.

It came more than a month after convicted sex offender John Albert Gardner pleaded guilty to raping and murdering Amber Dubois and 17-year-old Chelsea King.

The bill co-authored by Assemblymen Pedro Nava and Paul Cook would require people convicted of some sex crimes to carry a driver's license or state identification card

identifying them as an offender. The markings could include a distinctive stripe or color.

The strategy is used in two other states. Driver's licenses in Delaware are marked with the letter "Y," and Louisiana emblazons licenses with the words "sex offender."

Cook, a Republican, said the marked licenses could help police in search of missing children. For example, the "alarm bells would go off" if an officer saw a teddy bear in the back seat while checking a driver's license during a traffic stop, he said.

Cook, however, acknowledged a likely battle in the Legislature.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "Something this controversial, you're going to see lots of amendments and changes."

Ex-Detroit mayor gets up to 5 years in prison

DETROIT (AP)—Time and again, Kwame Kilpatrick's exceptional oratory skills rallied Detroit voters to his side despite his frequent troubles as mayor.

But all his swagger and professions of love for family, God and the city failed to sway a judge Tuesday, who sent Kilpatrick to prison for up to five years for violating his probation stemming from his conviction for lying under oath about an affair with his chief of staff.

The former mayor's rehabilitation "clearly ... has failed," Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Groner said before announcing his sentence.

"Frankly, your continued attempt to cast yourself as the victim, your lack

of forthrightness, your lack of contriteness and your lack of humility serve to affirm that you have not learned your lesson," the judge said.

The criticism was some of the harshest leveled at the one-time Hip-Hop mayor and darling of Michigan's Democratic Party, who early on in his political career displayed the bravado and eloquence to talk his way out of politically thorny situations.

Brash and arrogant, Kilpatrick was criticized during his first term for improperly using city credit cards to pay pricey restaurant tabs. It was later revealed that his wife used a city-leased vehicle for her personal use. Each time, he asked for his constituents' forgive-

ness, and he came from behind to win re-election in 2005.

But his political fortunes soured when Kilpatrick testified in a whistleblower lawsuit trial that he was not romantically involved with his chief of staff. Text messages between the two later showed he was lying. Before the text message scandal broke, the city paid the two whistle blowers an \$8.4 million settlement. At issue during Tuesday's hearing was \$1 million Kilpatrick was ordered to pay the city after pleading guilty in 2008 to obstruction of justice. Groner ruled last month that Kilpatrick failed to report all of his assets and meet other conditions of his probation.

Jordanian man to plead guilty to Texas bomb plot

DALLAS (AP)—A Jordanian man accused of trying to blow up a downtown Dallas skyscraper has agreed to enter a guilty plea in return for no more than 30 years in prison, according to federal court documents filed Tuesday.

Hosam Smadi, 19, agreed to plead guilty in a deal with prosecutors to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, which is punishable by up to life in prison. But U.S. District Judge Barbara Lynn wouldn't be allowed to sentence Smadi to more than 30 years if she accepts the deal.

Lynn scheduled a new arraignment for Smadi on Wednesday and is expected to rule on whether to accept the plea. The agreement was signed by

Smadi on Thursday and filed in federal court in Dallas on Tuesday.

Defense attorneys, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office declined comment late Tuesday.

Smadi has admitted leaving what he thought was a truck bomb in a garage beneath the 60-story Fountain Place building in downtown Dallas in September. The device was a decoy provided by FBI agents posing as al-Qaida operatives.

Smadi acknowledged in a written statement that he parked the truck in the garage beneath the skyscraper, activated a timer connected to the decoy, then rode with an undercover agent and waited to watch the explosion.

ACROSS THE NATION

Mom who took dad's 2 kids to SKorea jailed in NJ

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP)—A mother accused of taking her two children to South Korea and not returning them to their father is being held at a New Jersey jail on a charge of interference with custody. Authorities say Si-Nae Shim (shee nay sheem) moved briefly to South Korea last year with her husband, Broadway violinist Alejandro Mendoza. He returned to Dumont, N.J., but she stayed behind and has refused to let the children go back to him despite a New Jersey court order granting him custody. The mother was arrested in March in the U.S. territory Guam. She

was transferred to the Bergen County Jail this week. Defense lawyer Jay Yanavok says he's talking to the dad's attorney to try to set a date for a family court hearing. The children are with relatives in South Korea.

Deal reached to end Hawaii school furloughs

HONOLULU (AP)—Gov. Linda Lingle says a deal has been reached to end Hawaii's public school furloughs. Lingle said Tuesday: "Bottom line, the furloughs are over." The deal calls for use of about \$57 million from the state's hurricane relief fund, about \$2 million in federal funds and six planning days that teachers have agreed

to give back to the state. A \$10 million line of credit from local banks is also available, if needed. More than 170,000 Hawaii students lost 17 instructional days to furloughs during the current school year, giving them the shortest academic year in the nation.

Another 17 were set to begin in September.

Son of 1st American to top Everest reaches summit

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. (AP)—The son of the first American to top Mount Everest is following in his father's footsteps—literally. Proud parents Jim Whittaker and Dianne

Roberts of Port Townsend, Wash., say son Leif Whittaker reached the summit of the world's tallest peak Monday evening and is on his way down. Veteran climber Jim Whittaker was the first American to conquer Mount Everest, in 1963. Jim Whittaker says he was able to stay at the summit for just a few minutes. But he says Leif had good weather and was able to spend nearly an hour at the top. Roberts said Tuesday she is happy for her son but will feel better when he's back at base camp.

California man gets 75 to life for 3 murders

OXNARD, Calif. (AP)—A former

Oxnard man described by a prosecutor as "the epitome of evil" was sentenced Tuesday to 75 years to life for murdering three people in 2004. Rudolfo Negrete, 28, had no conscience and was a cold-blooded killer, Ventura County prosecutors said. Negrete was found guilty of killing Daniel Campos, Alex Jordan and his pregnant wife, Cynthia Jordan. All three victims were in their early 20s and were found on empty rural roads, shot to death execution-style. Negrete fled the country, was arrested in Acapulco after a 30-month manhunt and was extradited in 2007. His case was high-profile and appeared several times on "America's Most Wanted."

Asia

Clinton: World must act on SKorean ship sinking

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Wednesday the world must respond to sinking of a South Korean warship that has been blamed on North Korea.

"This was an unacceptable provocation by North Korea and the international community has a responsibility and a duty to respond," Clinton told reporters after talks with South Korean leaders.

The ship sinking "requires a strong but measured response," she said, although she did not elaborate.

Clinton said the United States would be consulting with South Korea and members of the U.N. Security Council on what the appropriate action would be, but she declined to offer a timeline for action.

"We're very confident in the South Korean leadership, and their decision about how and when to move forward is one that we respect and will support," she said.

She spent just a few hours in Seoul discussing possible international responses with South Korean leaders. North Korea denies it was responsible for the incident and has threatened to retaliate if action is taken against it.

Clinton touched down in the South Korean capital Wednesday



South Korean war veterans burn a North Korean flag during a rally against North Korea in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

day after intense discussions on the deteriorating situation with Chinese officials in Beijing.

"I believe that the Chinese understand the seriousness of this issue and are willing to lis-

ten to the concerns expressed by both South Korea and the United States," she said Wednesday. "We expect to be working with China as we move forward in fashioning a response."

NKorea threatens to ban border traffic

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea threatened Wednesday to block all cross-border traffic and blow up any South Korean loudspeakers blasting propaganda northward after a six-year hiatus, as tensions soared over the sinking of a South Korean warship.

The dramatic deterioration in relations came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived Wednesday in Seoul for talks on how to deal with North

Korea. The North also declared it will cut all ties with Seoul after it blamed the North for the March 26 sinking that killed 46 South Korean sailors.

A team of international investigators concluded last week that a torpedo from a North Korean submarine tore apart the Cheonan warship off the west coast on March 26, killing 46 South Korean sailors.

South Korea began taking punitive steps Tuesday against North

Korea—ranging from slashing trade, resuming propaganda warfare and barring the North's cargo ships. Those were seen as among the strongest it could implement short of military action.

The U.S. has said evidence of the North's culpability is overwhelming and has backed the South's measures, but key North Korea ally China has said it is still weighing evidence about the incident and has done little but urge calm on all sides.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Bangladesh seizes 4 militant suspects, explosives

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Police have arrested four suspected Islamic militants and seized bomb-making materials in a raid in the Bangladeshi capital, the national police chief said Wednesday. The suspects were arrested late Monday from a four-story apartment building in Dhaka's southern Dhania district where they were living as tenants, police chief Noor Mohammad said. A woman believed to be the wife of one of the men also was detained, he said. Police seized explosives, bomb-making materials and firearms from the men, he said. Police believe the men are top-ranking leaders of the banned, radical Islamic group Jumatul Mujahideen Bangladesh. Mohammad did not provide further details.

3 killed in Philippine communist rebel attack

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine military says communist rebels have attacked an army patrol base, killing three soldiers and wounding four others. Regional army commander Maj. Gen. Carlos Holganza says troops fired back after Monday's attack in the southern Philippines and

the rebels fled. He says troops were securing a government construction project when they came under fire. Police officials say some residents of Banay-Banay township in Davao Oriental province, where the fighting took place, fled to the local gymnasium. The guerrillas have been fighting to set up a Marxist state for decades in one of Asia's longest rebellions.

Thousands pray for peace in Bangkok

BANGKOK (AP)—Thousands of residents gathered at dawn Wednesday to pray for peace at sites across Bangkok where people were killed and high-rise buildings torched in two months of the worst political violence in the country's modern history. The chants of 1,000 Buddhist monks mingled with the prayers of Muslim imams, Christian priests and the Hindu faithful at 10 areas, including the charred hulk of one of Asia's largest shopping malls. "We are reciting a very powerful prayer to summon the Lord to help our country. Things are quiet now but there is fear still within us because none of us know what can happen in the future," said Sumitr Khorana, a Hindu community leader, reflecting a general anxiety that Thailand's turmoil is far from over.

World

Jamaica police gain hold on drug lord's stronghold

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—Security forces gained a tenuous hold on the slum stronghold of a powerful reputed drug lord, while Jamaica's embattled leader promised an independent investigation into the roughly 26 civilian deaths during the operation.

Thousands of police and soldiers have stormed the Tivoli Gardens ghetto in search of Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who is wanted by the U.S. on drug and gun charges. Three days of street battles with heavily armed supporters of the underworld boss had claimed at least 30

lives by late Tuesday.

The fight with gang gunmen has spilled into troubled areas just outside the capital, Kingston, and complaints are rising that innocents are being caught in indiscriminate gunfire.

In a Tuesday address to legislators, Prime Minister Bruce Golding indicated he was taken aback by the intensity of the assault in the heart of West Kingston's ramshackle slums, which he represents in Jamaica's Parliament.

"The government deeply regrets the loss of lives, especially those of members of the security

forces and innocent, law-abiding citizens caught in the crossfire. The security forces were directed to take all practical steps to avoid casualties as much as possible," he said.

Golding vowed that the "most thorough investigations" would be undertaken to examine all deaths caused by security forces, which have developed a reputation for slipshod investigations and for being too quick on the trigger. In the same speech, he also said security agents would go after "criminal gunmen in whatever community they may be ensconced."

Europe faces an era of government spending cuts

LONDON (AP)—Wearing her diamond-studded crown, Queen Elizabeth II arrived at Parliament in a gleaming horse-drawn carriage to deliver a message of austerity and making do with less in troubled economic times.

The speech laid out the agenda for Britain's new coalition government—but its theme of slashing a record deficit and spurring fragile growth resonated across Europe's ailing economies.

Governments across the

continent announced more budget cuts Tuesday, even as their stock markets and the euro were beaten down by investors fearful of stagnant growth and soaring deficits. Even regional powerhouses like France and Germany, with relatively vibrant economies, are beginning to clamp down on spending.

There are no easy solutions. Belt-tightening is an urgent priority but comes with the real danger of stifling growth and launching a double-dip global

recession that some experts fear could bring about a "lost decade" like one Japan experienced in the 1990s.

Yet failure to clamp down could bring on bond market skepticism or even panic—and a spiral of higher and higher borrowing costs as a result.

Also at risk are some of Europe's cherished welfare protections—from retirements in the early 60s to months or years of unemployment payments that come close to working wages.

Reforms transform Syrian economy, but not politics

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—After delivering a lecture on the increasing role of private banks in Syria, economist Mohammed Ayman al-Maydani got an uncomfortable request from members of the audience to elaborate on a brief reference he made to corruption in the country's private and public sectors.

"If I answer this question I may not get to spend the night at home," he quipped, alluding to the possibility he could be arrested. There was nervous laughter from the room.

The tense moment at the

Damascus lecture earlier this month underscored how much and how little has changed in Syria under President Bashar Assad in recent years. The Syrian leader has slowly moved to lift Soviet-style economic restrictions his father and predecessor, Hafez Assad, left him.

He opened up the country for foreign banks, threw its doors wide open for imports, authorized private higher education and empowered the private sector.

But the lanky, former eye doctor who came to power 10

years ago this summer has not matched his liberal economic policies with any political reforms. None, in fact, and his powerful security services are in constant watch for criticism of the regime.

In the process, Assad has changed the Syrian regime's basis of legitimacy. He has depended less on his father's old anti-Israeli, Arab nationalism rhetoric, basing his power instead on promises of stability, modernization, economic openness and ending Syria's international isolation.

WORLD BRIEFS

Polish priest seeks release in Brazil abuse case

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Lawyers for a Polish priest accused of sexually abusing a teenage boy in Brazil and maintaining an "erotic dungeon" in a parish house requested Tuesday that he be freed pending trial. Rio de Janeiro state prosecutors accused Marcin Michal Strachanowski of handcuffing a 16-year-old former altar boy to a bed three years ago in the house where the priest lived and threatening to kill the youth if he spoke of the abuse. The lurid allegations are the latest of several priest sex abuse cases to shake Brazil, which is home to more Roman Catholics than any other nation, and come as the church grapples with scandals around the world.

Suriname votes on ex-dictator's possible return

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP)—An opposition party led by a former dictator and convicted drug trafficker appeared likely to gain seats in Tuesday's parliamentary elections in the small South American country of Suriname. The political comeback mounted by Desi Bouterse was a popular topic of debate at polling places, with

some voters arguing the country's strengthening economy could unravel under the man who ran a leftist military regime in the 1980s. "If you take a look at his history and track record, I cannot understand that people pin their hopes on Bouterse for a better future," said Regi Kensenhuys, 42, of Osembo. Bouterse is popular among the young and the poor for promising more jobs and affordable housing.

Hezbollah says it will hit Israel ships in new war

BEIRUT (AP)—The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah group warned Tuesday that his fighters would attack Israeli ships in the Mediterranean if the Jewish state imposes a sea blockade on Lebanon in any future war. Hassan Nasrallah said his Iranian-backed group is now capable of destroying any military or commercial ships heading to Israeli ports. Hezbollah and Israel fought a 34-day war in 2006 during which Israel imposed a sea and air embargo on Lebanon, saying it needed to prevent the guerrillas from being resupplied with weapons. Nasrallah said Tuesday that Hezbollah now had the capability to inflict as much harm on Israel as it did in Lebanon during the 2006 war.

Environment

ATTENTION TO ALL 4TH - 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Free environmental summer camp now open

The 2010 Ridge to Reef Camp, a free hands-on environmental education program hosted by the island's natural resource agencies, is now accepting applications for the summer.

Ridge to Reef is a weeklong summer camp aimed at educating youth about the connections between land (terrestrial) and sea (marine). Participants hike, snorkel and learn about conservation areas around the island.

The program, which is scheduled from July 26 to July 30 (8am to 12pm), is open to students entering the 4th to 6th grades. Its goals are to:

- Introduce the roles wetlands, watersheds and marine protected areas play in coral reef health and public health.

- Help students recognize the interconnectedness of these systems.

- Inspire students to share this knowledge with their family and friends.

Students will explore these systems in the field and through hands-on activities in order to gain a better understanding of how each is related to the other.



Participants in last year's Ridge to Reef Camp go on a hike.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 2010 Ridge to Reef program on Saipan is a collaborative project of the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Man-

agement Office, Division of Fish and Wildlife, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and American Memorial Park.

For information and to register, contact Lisa Eller, DEQ, at 664-8500 or Brooke Nevitt, CRM, at 664-8300. **(PR)**

SVES takes pride in its young farmers

The San Vicente Elementary School is very proud of its young farmers.

Temary Gramlich, who assists the SVES Young Farmers Club, liked how their math and thinking skills are growing with their gardens. "They do math when they measure out their gardens or fertilizer. Also, at the plant sales, the kids are the cashiers. They have to calculate prices and make change. They're learning to sell what they grow so they are learning business too. Many of them grow things at home now. They get their families into it."

Angie Teregeyo, who also assists the club, says the tomatoes are "the best on island. I am learning a lot myself while I'm helping."

Former SVES principal Jim Rayphand is inspired. "It's refreshing to build my sandwich with lettuce and tomatoes grown by the kids. After visiting the Young Farmers' hydroponic gardens, I realized that I or anyone else could be doing this in my



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Young Farmers Club of the San Vicente Elementary School.

own backyard. In fact I already have a designated area at my house to experiment in," he said.

Young Farmers' adviser Pete Arriola likes teaching the kids at this age level, before they get "too cool to get dirty. I was in the Agriculture

Club at Hopwood, but we're the only school doing this as far as I know. Two skills kept these islands thriving for thousands of years—farming and fishing. Most kids nowadays think food comes from the supermarket. That food was picked weeks ago and

was grown using pesticides and hormones. These kids are learning valuable skills."

"They're growing some tasty produce, but I'm more proud of what they're learning," said hydroponics manager Rick Gramlich. "Farming is the hardest job around, besides teaching. Bugs, weather, rats (both kinds) and attitudes can really set you back, but these kids just keep on growing. They figure out the problem and then try out answers until they get it right. That's real science, and they have the standardized test scores to prove it. Their science scores are way higher than the other students. They are also working towards the future. When they graduate from high school, they will be eligible for the Leroy Camacho Scholarship that they are helping fund with their sales. They even helped write a grant to purchase laptops for next year's 6th graders. Most of them won't even be at SVS next year! They are an awesome group of kids. They are trying to get the CNMI to grow some of its own food. It's fresh, fun and healthy." **(SVES)**

MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB

Members of the Kagman High School Marine Biology Club are inviting the public to their beach cleanups every second Saturday of the month. The group has been doing beach cleanups for a year now, with their first cleanup on May 8, 2009. This month's cleanup was their first anniversary. The group, which has 25 members and two advisers, had adopted two beaches, Marine and Tank beaches. The group expressed special thanks to DEQ, Joe Kaipat, parent volunteers, and advisers.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



DO YOUR PART

National treasures to discover this summer vacation

By **TERRI BENNETT**
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Looking for affordable adventures for the entire family this summer? Do Your Part and explore the hundreds of National Parks located across the country. This immense network of regional, state and national parks and preserves is the envy of the world, yet far too few Americans take advantage of them. This year, instead of breaking the bank on an elaborate vacation, why not break out the cooler and plan a road trip instead? Chances are you're less than a day's drive from the Great Smoky Mountains, Everglades, Mammoth Cave, or a beautiful state park.

That's because America's National Park System spans more than 84 million acres and includes every state but Delaware. Whether you're looking for someplace close to home or if you want to let your interests drive your destination, there are all sorts of tools available to help you plan out the perfect getaway. On the National Park's website, you can search by state or by activities—everything from rock climbing to cave exploration. Not only that, you can map out a longer trip based on the number of days you'll be on vacation. The park system has done the heavy lifting for you and offers pre-planned car routes online which last anywhere from six to 12 days.

Once you get to your park of choice, there may be a small fee to enter—usually around \$20 per car. But there are many parks with no entrance charge and activities such as ranger-guided tours are usually free. If you want to spend the night at a campground there may be a fee required and it's essential to make reservations well in advance for most locations, especially in the summer months. And here's one more smart travel tip for you: invest in an annual park pass. For \$80, you and three other adults can get into any National Park for an entire year. Kids younger than 16 are always free.

While you are busy enjoying the outdoors with your friends and loved ones, remember that it is important to tread lightly on these national treasures. Leave wildlife alone and don't ever leave food for the animals, take your trash out of the park when you leave, and keep camping and hiking areas as you found them. Even though our National Park Service was created to protect wide swaths of priceless eco-systems, human activity is still taking its toll in some areas and it's important to keep the environment top of mind during your visits. Remember the old hiker's adage: "Take nothing but memories, leave nothing but footprints."

So this summer, don't let the bad economy keep you stuck at home. Get out and visit some of the most spectacular spots in America. You can Do Your Part by seeing first hand why these lands must be protected while making sure you don't contribute to any of our parks' problems.

Terri Bennett is an Earth scientist, syndicated columnist and mom. Send questions to terri@doyourpart.com. Get more everyday green living tips at www.DoYourPart.com.

Life & Style

Long-distance relationships do end up at the altar.

Newlyweds Marlon Estigoy and Florence Magaoay proved this when they capped their 10-year courtship with a simple wedding ceremony exactly a week ago.

Both accountants, Marlon works for Hafadai Beach Hotel, while Florence used to work for Grace Christian Academy and Cosmos Distributing Co. before moving to the U.S. mainland in 2000.

Their early morning wedding at the Hyatt Regency Saipan chapel was witnessed by 80 of their closest friends and was officiated by Pastor Roger Abe of Saipan Community Church.

After the ceremony, the newlyweds, their entourage, and guests proceeded to Giovanni's Restaurant for the reception.

PHOTOS BY HIDEO HONDA



Estigoy-Magaoay nuptials



Nicole Scherzinger wins 'Dancing With the Stars'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Pussycat Doll is now the "Dancing With the Stars" champ.

Nicole Scherzinger and partner Derek Hough dominated throughout the 10th season of the hit ABC show and bested Olympic gold medalist Evan Lysacek to win the "Dancing" crown Tuesday night.

"I feel like I just won a Grammy," she said after the show. "A dancing Grammy!"

Scherzinger performed a high-energy jive as her final dance that earned a perfect score of 30 and inspired head judge Len Goodman to say, "There can only be one winner of 'Dancing With the Stars.' It should be you."

Lysacek's quickstep also earned the judges' praise, but just 28 points.

"It's been such a blast," the champion figure skater said. "We are totally satisfied with everything we gave. We're so proud of Nicole and Derek. They deserve it. ... They inspired all the other couples in the competition."

Scherzinger and Hough kissed the mirrorball trophy as they were hoisted on the shoulders of other dancers.

"Win or lose tonight, I was just very, very happy with the entire season," said Hough, a two-time "Dancing" champ. "To get the trophy at the end of it, that was just amazing."



In this image provided by ABC, Nicole Scherzinger and partner Derek Hough pose with their trophies after dominating throughout the 10th season of the hit ABC show "Dancing With the Stars" and besting Olympic gold medalist Evan Lysacek to win the crown Tuesday night May 25, 2010.

Even more valuable than the trophy, Scherzinger said, were the personal lessons she learned during the season.

"This has been probably the greatest reward personally, this whole personal journey," she said. "I've learned so much about myself. I've learned so much about Derek Hough. He's made me a better person through this."

She added that she plans to

work on winning a real Grammy now that her "Dancing" stint is done.

Lysacek said he hopes to bring some of his new performance skills onto the ice. And though he thought the winning couple "were the best dancers by a mile from the very first night," he said his competitive spirit pushed him to do better each week.

"I came into this competi-

tion and said, 'I'm not going to be competitive, I'm just going to have fun,'" he said after the show. "And the further we got from the Olympics, the more my competitive fire started burning. ... It progressed, and slowly but surely I became more confident as a performer and a dancer."

ESPN sportscaster Erin Andrews, the third finalist, and her professional partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy were

eliminated from the dance-off halfway through the two-hour season closer.

Earlier in the evening, all three pairs each danced an Argentine tango and earned glowing remarks from the judges.

Carrie Ann Inaba called Lysacek's performance "perfect" and Scherzinger's "like a beautiful masterpiece come to life."

Though being on the show "has meant everything" to Andrews, she said she knew the fight for the title would be between Lysacek and Scherzinger.

"I came here under really crummy circumstances," Andrews said. "I just wanted to be myself again." Andrews was the victim of a stalker, who was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for following the reporter to at least three cities and shooting videos of her through hotel peepholes.

Gesturing toward Chmerkovskiy, she said, "This one has just put my life back together, so I'm so thankful."

Chmerkovskiy called the season "a rollercoaster" and "an amazing journey."

"I feel like we've won," he said, "and I certainly have my own prize."

After the show, Andrews joked that the pro dancer wouldn't return to the show, but would instead accompany her on the college football sidelines. Rumors

have swirled all season that the dance partners are dating.

Tuesday's action-packed final episode featured back-to-back performances by the season's finalists and past contestants.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin danced in a bedazzled space suit that host Tom Bergeron joked was from the "NASA Liberace collection." Kate Gosselin reprised her much maligned performance to "Paparazzi," then tore off her dress to reveal a sparkly miniskirt to finish the routine to the disco staple "I Will Survive."

Pamela Anderson and Niecy Nash performed a sexy number together. Anderson emerged from the ceiling wearing a lacy negligee and slithered seductively across three male dancers lying on the floor to finish her routine. That's when Nash took over, shaking her "jiggly parts" in a hot pink sequined minidress.

"I barely made it through this competition with my jiggly parts intact," said the buxom star, who joked about her love of food throughout the season. "I feel like a weave on a stick."

"The Bachelor" Jake Pavelka danced with his betrothed, Vienna Girardi. Actors Shannen Doherty and Aiden Turner also returned to the dance floor.

The show's first college dance competition came to a close Tuesday, with the team from Utah Valley University taking home their own mirrorball trophy.

Bush: Book begins with decision to quit drinking

DALLAS (AP)—George W. Bush said Tuesday that his upcoming book begins with an anecdote about his wife persuading him to give up drinking by pushing him to decide whether he preferred booze to fatherhood.

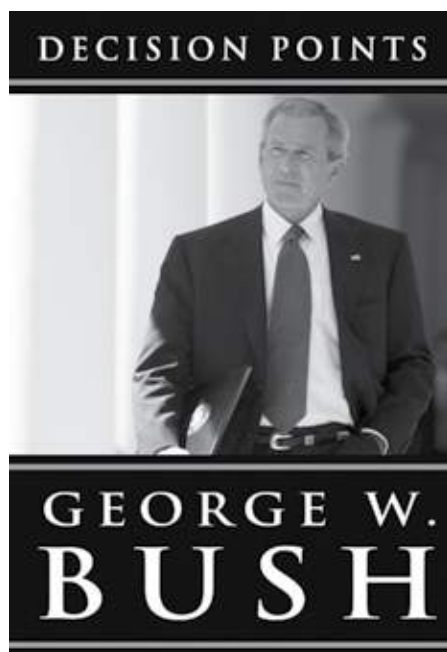
Bush said "Decision Points," due for release in November, opens with the scene and him questioning whether he loved booze more than his wife, Laura. He said he realized he had an addictive personality and quit drinking cold turkey.

That act set him on the path to the presidency, Bush said in his address to an American Wind Energy Association conference in downtown Dallas.

Bush said the book is less autobiography and more an analysis of key decisions in his life, both before and after he was elected president. Topics will include the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the troop surge in Iraq, his responses to terrorists attacks and Hurricane Katrina and the financial meltdown.

He said he hopes the book will be a tool for historians evaluating his presidency.

"I don't think you can come to a definitive conclusion about a presidency until the passage of time," Bush said. "I want to put



In this photo released by Crown Publishers is the cover of George W. Bush's book "Decision Points."

you in my position."

Bush, who left office in January 2009 and moved with his wife to Dallas, appeared

relaxed and in good humor throughout the speech. The 63-year-old riffed on retirement, joking that he was playing shuffleboard after the speech and that his domestic agenda now consists of taking out the trash and doing the dishes.

He plugged Laura Bush's recent book "Spoken from the Heart," telling conventioners, "You ought to buy it." He said his wife's purchase of their Dallas home, where they moved after leaving the White House, was a "faith-based initiative—since I hadn't seen it."

He also joked about the comedown of post-presidential life, saying he realized how different his life was when he was walking his dog Barney through his new neighborhood.

"There I was," Bush said. "Former president of the United States, with a plastic bag in my hand, picking up what I had been dodging for eight solid years."

When he wasn't dishing out one-liners, Bush at times appeared sentimental. He praised his father, the 41st president, for helping him become the 43rd. "I never would be sitting here without the unconditional love of an awesome man," he said.

James says he lied to everyone, including himself

NEW YORK (AP)—Jesse James says he lied about cheating during his marriage to Oscar winner Sandra Bullock and knew he would eventually get caught.

"When I was doing it, you know, one, I knew it was horrible, it made me feel horrible. And two, I knew I would get caught eventually, and I think I wanted to get caught," he says in an interview to air Tuesday

night on ABC's "Nightline."

In excerpts released by the network, the 41-year-old tattooed biker and host of "Monster Garage" says Bullock "had her suspicions in the past, but, you know, I lied, and lied my way out of it. I lied to everyone about everything, even to myself."

James also says seeing Bullock in the role of mother to 4 1/2-month-old son Louis is one

of the "most amazing things" he's ever seen.

"She's like a fish to water. As soon as she put that baby in her hands, it was automatic and amazing," he says.

The child was born in New Orleans, where the couple had spent time after Hurricane Katrina. He says they welcomed the baby into their family on New Year's Day.

Bullock has said she'll adopt

as a single parent.

Allegations that James had been cheating on Bullock became public within days after the 45-year-old actress won the best-actress Oscar on March 7 for her role in "The Blind Side."

The couple separated in March after five years of marriage. Divorce papers were filed in April in Austin, Texas, where Bullock has a home.

Author writing about Palin moves next door to her

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Sarah Palin has taken to her Facebook page to complain about her new neighbor—a writer penning a book about her.

Author Joe McGinniss has taken up residence in a house next to Palin's lakeside home in Wasilla.

McGinniss previously wrote a critical expose on Palin and her natural gas pipeline plan for the Conde Nast publication Portfolio last year, and is planning a book about the former Alaska governor and GOP vice presidential candidate. It's tentatively titled, "Sarah Palin's Year of Living Dangerously" and could be on the shelves in the fall of 2011.

"Yes, that Joe McGinniss. Here he is about 15 feet away from the neighbor's rented deck overlooking my children's play area and my kitchen window," Palin posted on Facebook late Monday, hours after returning from a trip to the Lower 48 and learning of McGinniss' presence.

"We're sure to have a doozy to look forward to with this treasure he's penning. Wonder what kind of material he'll gather while overlooking Piper's bedroom, my little garden, and the family's swimming hole?" she wrote.

McGinniss is renting the place "for the next five months or so," Palin wrote.

Neither McGinniss, author of such best-selling books as "The Selling of the President," "Blind Faith" and "Fatal Vision," nor his agent were available for comment Tuesday.

However, his publishing house, Broadway Books, released a statement.

It reads, in part: "McGinniss is the author of 'Going to Extremes,' a classic book about Alaska, and his work-in-progress returns him to the 49th state to examine Sarah Palin's significance as both a political and cultural phenomenon and as an embodi-

ment of the contradictory forces that shaped Alaska as it moved into its second half-century of statehood.

"Well regarded for his in-depth, up-close reporting, Mr. McGinniss will be highly respectful of his subject's privacy as he investigates her public activities," the statement says.

Palin has promised to ensure that privacy.

"And you know what they say about 'fences make for good neighbors'? Well, we'll get started on that tall fence tomorrow," she wrote on Facebook.



Palin

'American Idol' finale is a Bowersox lovefest



AP
In this photo provided by PictureGroup, from left, contestant Lee DeWyze, host Ryan Seacrest and contestant Crystal Bowersox appear onstage at the American Idol Season 9 Top 2 Performance Show at the Nokia Theatre on May 25, 2010 in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The final competition of this season's "American Idol" was a lovefest, with Crystal Bowersox getting a big share of the affection Tuesday.

Bowersox sparkled in each of her three song performances, while competitor Lee DeWyze drew praise from the show's judges for his spirit and voice but fell short, they signaled, of living up to his potential.

The winner, based on viewer votes, will be announced on Wednesday's two-hour finale airing 8 p.m. EDT on Fox.

"You took that song and you absolutely nailed it," Simon Cowell said of Bowersox's rendition of "Black Velvet," a song he said he's normally "allergic" to because it gets murdered.

Before he could heap praise on the dreadlocked singer with the Janis Joplinesque voice for her final song, a soulful "Up to the Mountain," Bowersox jumped in with a comment for

Cowell, who's leaving the top-rated series.

"You've been amazing this season," she said, thanking him for his criticism and help and, in a charming moment, wishing the highly paid record and TV producer good luck "on your future endeavors."

Cowell, known for his barbs and not for sentiment, kept his cool as he acknowledged the tribute.

"Since this is becoming a bit of a lovefest tonight, I thought that was by far the best performance and the song of the night," he told Bowersox. "And since this is going to be the final critique I'm ever gonna give, I would just like to say that was outstanding."

Kara DioGuardi told Bowersox, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, that she showed "fire in her belly" with her performance of Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee," and Ellen DeGeneres called her "compelling" on stage.

The assessments of DeWyze,

also 24, of Mount Prospect, Ill., were respectful but more measured—with Ellen DeGeneres the exception.

"Lee, I couldn't be prouder if I birthed you myself," she told him after he sang Simon and Garfunkel's "The Boxer."

"You sounded nice doing it," Randy Jackson said the performance, but added, "But, c'mon, man, pick it up, pick it up ... Get some more energy going."

DioGuardi admired DeWyze as an "emotionally accessible" singer after he performed R.E.M.'s "Everybody Hurts" as his second number, but Cowell urged him to try harder.

"When you come out for your last performance, I want a 10 out of 10, because you're capable of that," Cowell told him.

With U2's "Beautiful Day," Jackson welcomed hearing "the guy with the strong big rock voice" and DioGuardi said he had "one of the most commercial voices of the season" and deserved to be in the finale.

Fun and video games for *Prince of Persia*'s star Jake Gyllenhaal

By HILARY FOX
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LONDON (AP)—Jake Gyllenhaal just wants to have fun. Hence, he's swinging back into cinemas this weekend as the swashbuckling hero in "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time."

"Somehow it sparked that kid side of me and I just thought, 'I got to play this part,'" says Gyllenhaal. "Whereas a lot of other roles take themselves so seriously, particularly in the huge movies, I couldn't imagine myself spending six or seven months of my life taking myself so seriously," he laughed.

After a series of heavy-hitting dramas, including "Brothers," "Rendition," and "Brokeback Mountain," the actor is playing a character straight out of a video game console.

Based on the game "Prince of Persia," Gyllenhaal portrays Prince Dustan, a street kid with a big destiny. He is adopted by a king at a young age and brought up to be a sword-wielding warrior in 6th century Persia. The story follows a royal murder mystery and his adventure with a mystical dagger that can turn back time.

During a recent interview with The Associated Press in London, Gyllenhaal was in a lighthearted mood:

AP: I'm presuming you've been offered loads of different action roles before, so what was it about Prince Dustan that really grabbed you?

Gyllenhaal: Well, to me the moment I read the first sequence of the movie, which is the siege on Alamut where he's (Prince Dustan) jumping around and lighting things on fire and having a good time doing it, I think that was the moment when I thought, 'there's a sense of humor here.' Here's one of those classic characters that's in the vein of Errol Flynn or Indiana Jones and those are the movies I loved when I was a kid, and I loved watching.

Gyllenhaal

AP: So you wanted to have a laugh?

Gyllenhaal: Yeah I wanted to have a good time, and I wanted to know that I was making a movie that an audience could have a good time in too.

AP: And had you played the video game before? Are you any good?

Gyllenhaal: When I was eight or nine years old I played the original side-scroller game a lot. And then I took a 20 year hiatus (laughs) and only picked it up when I was doing research for the movie—which was very, very difficult research, it was hard. Three to four times a day I would have to be forced to go and play the video game. People don't really know how hard it is to be an actor and I can tell you how hard it is; it's working out every day and getting paid for it and also playing video games. So it's really been tough, a really tough road (laughs).

AP: Did you enjoy the stunts? It's very different doing them compared with playing the game. I'm actually

quite disappointed you're just sitting there and you haven't swung through the window onto a horse.

Gyllenhaal: That would be an incredible entrance, I would have done that for you if I could have and we had more time. But no, Mike Newell, the director, had a wire attached to my back and he would just control me ... I would do whatever he wanted. Move to the left, move to the right, jump, fight this guy, win!

AP: I want to ask you about the Parkour (free-running) stunts. Are you quite good at that now?

Gyllenhaal: No, I have to say. I saw this thing on MTV called "The Ultimate Parkour Challenge" ... where they brought in some of the best Parkour athletes in the world. And I watched them do all these crazy things, which was actually semi-disturbing to see because they got injured quite a lot and I just thought 'I've got no idea what I'm doing, these guys are extraordinary.' The fundamentals I do know and I can do things, but ultimately I cannot say I'm a card carrying Parkour athlete. I just try to mimic. I did jumps, I did my own jumps and different things but the dangerous stuff was done by the professionals."

AP: Would you return to the role? Obviously Disney's got the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise, too, and this looks like it could run awhile, too.

Gyllenhaal: Of course, I'd loved playing the role. I loved being a part of the movie. It's an incredible world, so if that were an opportunity, I would definitely take it.

HOLLYWOOD THEATERS

Don't just go to the movies, GO HOLLYWOOD!

Located near Price Costco in San Jose Saipan MP • 234-9000



\$5.50 Bargain Matinees - All Shows Before 6PM
\$5.50 All Day Admission For Seniors
\$4.50 All Day Admission For Kids (ages 3-11)
\$5.50 Student Admission with Valid I.D.
\$5.50 Military with Valid I.D.

T TIMEWARP TUESDAY \$5.50 ALL SHOWS ALL DAY/NIGHT (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTED FEATURES)

RESERVE TICKETS ONLINE AT www.gohollywood.com



For Thursday, May 27th only
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK



NOW SHOWING



Sex And The City 2

Thursday 4:00 7:00

Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
 Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis

The fun, the fashion, the friendship: "Sex and the City 2" brings it all back and more as Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda take another bite out of the Big Apple—and beyond—carrying on with their busy lives and loves in a sequel that truly sparkles.



Shrek: The Final Chapter

Thursday 4:10 7:30

Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz
 Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

Synopsis

The wisecracking green-tinged ogre returns in Shrek Forever After, the newest installment in the successful DreamWorks Animation series. This will be the first time that the franchise will be presented in the IMAX format in addition to a normal big-screen rollout.



MacGruber

Thursday 4:30 7:25

Will Forte, Ryan Phillippe
 Comedy • Rated R

Synopsis

Another Saturday Night Live skit makes the transition to the big screen with this Rogue Pictures production. Will Forte returns as MacGruber, a comedic spin on the '80s TV character MacGyver. Kristen Wiig, Val Kilmer, and Ryan Phillippe co-star.



Robin Hood

Thursday 4:25 7:10

Russel Crowe, Cate Blanchett
 Adventure • Rated PG 13



Iron Man 2

Thursday 4:15 7:15

Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow
 Action • Rated PG 13



Letters to Juliet

Thursday 4:05 7:20

Amanda Seyfried, Chris Egan
 Comedy, Romance • Rated PG



The Last Song

Thursday 4:20 7:05

Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
 Drama • Rated PG

● NO PASSES ■ NO PASSES OR SUPER SAVERS

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE • R-RATED FILMS REQUIRE PHOTO I.D.

www.gohollywood.com

Tina Fey to get top Mark Twain prize

WASHINGTON (AP)—The woman known for her impression of Sarah Palin on “Saturday Night Live” will win the nation’s top humor prize this year from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Tina Fey joins the ranks of Bill Cosby, Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin and others who have won the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the center announced Tuesday. Fey will be the youngest honoree, having just turned 40.

“I am truly thrilled to receive this honor,” Fey said in a written statement. “I assume Betty White was disqualified for steroid use.”

Fey returned to “SNL” earlier this month when the 88-year-old White drew rave reviews as host of the sketch comedy show.

Some of the biggest names in comedy will honor Fey when the prize is awarded Nov. 9 in Washington. The show will be taped for television broadcast later.

Fey got her start with Chicago’s The Sec-



In this May 17, 2010 photo, Actress Tina Fey attends the NBC Universal’s Upfront presentation in New York.

ond City improv group and became the first woman to be head writer on “SNL” during nine seasons as a cast member and co-an-

chor of “Weekend Update.”

Those years set her apart and changed the show, said Mark Krantz, an executive producer of the Mark Twain prize.

“It’s that job as a head writer on a show that’s been a traditionally male-oriented show,” he said, adding that Fey’s work “kind of broke the ceiling for many, many women in comedy, let alone that particular show.”

She created NBC’s Emmy-winning comedy series “30 Rock,” in which she stars with Alec Baldwin. Fey also has made several hit movies, including her screenplay “Mean Girls” and the 2008 film “Baby Mama” with her “SNL” buddy Amy Poehler. Her film “Date Night,” with Steve Carell, is playing in theaters.

Fey is currently working on her first book, a humorous memoir due out next year. She lives in New York with her husband, Jeff Richmond, and their daughter.

Where there’s smoke, man finds wife with old flame

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago I became suspicious that my wife of 40 years was having an affair with an old high school friend. At first I thought I was misreading the signs. Then I found an unfinished e-mail on our computer making a date to meet him “at our special place,” and I was crushed. I began gathering information and found it was true and that it had been going on for some time.

When I confronted her, she denied everything until I told her about the e-mail and everything else I had found. She eventually admitted it was true and said she had wanted only to see if she was still attractive to men because she felt we were “drifting apart in our lives.”

We tried counseling, but when she was able to make only one appointment due to “job conflicts,” I gave up. I don’t trust anything she tells me now, and I don’t know which way to turn.

I stupidly agreed not to discuss this with any of her family or friends. I hate thinking that everything I thought we were working for will end up being split down the middle (if I’m lucky), and I will probably be painted as the one at fault.

DUPED AND TRUSTLESS IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR DUPED AND TRUSTLESS: Because your wife refused counseling does not mean that you shouldn’t go, and that’s what I’m urging you to do. You need someone who is not emotionally involved to help you get your head straight. Once you do, you will have a better idea of what you want to do and how to accomplish it. You should also save the evidence, in case your wife tries in the coming months to lay the blame for her infidelity on you. You have my sympathy.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: My son was married a short time ago. The reception was held at my condo member hall. After the reception, the bride and groom asked me to refrigerate the leftover bottom layer of the wedding cake. They said they’d pick it up the next day.

Six days later, the cake was still in my fridge. They made excuses every day for not picking it up. Finally, I threw it away.

Now I’m the bad guy, and the bride is demanding an apology. Abby, the cake was hard and crusty, and I felt six days was long enough. Was I wrong in dumping the cake?

FATHER OF THE GROOM IN FORT WORTH

DEAR FATHER: Let me put it this way—rather than storing the cake in the fridge, it should have immediately gone into the freezer so it could be eaten at a later date. But because that didn’t happen, and the cake was fit only to be used as a paving stone or a doorstop, the logical thing to do was throw it away.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 50s and part of a management team at work. My first name is Mary. Every time the boss sees me he starts reciting that nursery rhyme, “Mary, Mary, quite contrary!” I find it belittling and insulting.

I have expressed my dislike of what he’s doing, but he can’t seem to stop. Is this a form of workplace harassment?

“QUITE” ANNOYED IN ALABAMA

DEAR ANNOYED: If you have told your boss you find what he’s doing to be unwelcome and he continues anyway, it might qualify as creating a hostile work environment. It appears you work for an insensitive clod whose attempts to be clever are annoying and pathetic rather than witty. You have my sympathy.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order “How to Have a Lovely Wedding.” Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby – Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

U2 pulls out of Glastonbury after Bono injured

LONDON (AP) — U2’s debut gig at Britain’s iconic Glastonbury festival has been canceled because of lead singer Bono’s back injury. Concert promoters Live Nation said Tuesday that the North American leg of U2’s tour will be postponed until 2011. Festival organizers said Bono called founder Michael Eavis to tell him. In a statement on Glastonbury’s Web site, Eavis said it “was obvious from our telephone conversation that U2 are hugely disappointed.” A replacement headlining act has not been announced. The festival, which runs June 23-27, attracts more than 175,000 people. Bono, whose real name is Paul Hewson, underwent emergency spine surgery Friday in Munich. He has been released from hospital but doctors recommend at least two months rest.

Bret Michaels says he’s going back on the road

NEW YORK (AP)—Bret Michaels is upbeat, despite his recent illnesses. In a message on his website, the 47-year-old rocker says: “With all of my heart, soul and the remaining organs I have left ... I would like to thank each and every one of you for all of your support and awesomeness. All the good vibes and well wishes gave me the strength to go back to New York and win ‘Celebrity Apprentice.’” The Poison frontman suffered a brain hemorrhage in April and was hospitalized recently after what doctors called a warning stroke. He faces surgery for a hole in his heart. Michael says he isn’t 100 percent but plans to continue his tour, starting Friday in Biloxi, Mississippi. He tells fans that seeing their “rockin’ rollin’, smiling faces ... is the best medicine I can think of.”

Christina Aguilera postpones summer tour to 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — Christina Aguilera feels she needs more time to prepare for her upcoming tour, so she has postponed it. A statement from the singer’s rep says the summer tour has been moved to 2011 because she is busy with her debut film, “Burlesque,” and her new album, “Bionic.” The film is due in November, the album on June 8. The 20-city tour was to kick off July 15 in Uncasville, Connecticut, and wrap up Aug. 19 in Irvine, California. British singer Leona Lewis was set to open. The statement says with so little time between the album release and tour date she wouldn’t have to rehearse the show. A new tour will be announced later this year, and ticket refunds are available.

Singer Kelis and rapper Nas finalize divorce in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There’s officially no more milkshake in Nas and Kelis’ marriage. Court filings show a judge on Friday dissolved the union between singer Kelis Rogers and rapper Nas, whose full name is Nasir Jones. No other details were revealed. Rogers, best known for her feisty tune “Milkshake,” filed for divorce last May, citing “irreconcilable differences.” Jones, considered one of rap’s most popular artists, just released a collaborative album with reggae’s Damian Marley. Documents show the couple married in July 2003. Jones was ordered in December to pay more than \$51,000 a month to Rogers and their infant son.

Rip Torn seeks to resolve bank break-in case

LITCHFIELD, Connecticut (AP) — An attorney for Rip Torn said he has been talking with prosecutors about keeping the Emmy-winning actor out of prison as they try to resolve criminal charges that he broke into a bank while drunk and armed. Torn, 79, appeared briefly Tuesday in Litchfield Superior Court, where he has pleaded not guilty to trespassing, carrying a weapon while intoxicated, carrying a weapon without a permit, burglary and criminal mischief. His attorney, A. Thomas Waterfall, said he hopes Torn can apply for accelerated rehabilitation, a form of probation in which first-time offenders can have their record cleared if they meet certain court-ordered requirements. Avoiding prison time is “absolutely” their goal, either through the accelerated rehabilitation program or some other kind of plea agreement, Waterfall said.

How does it feel? Teenager shows he’s ‘got Dylan’

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—How does it feel to be a Bob Dylan soundalike? Twenty performers gave it a shot Monday at the 400 Bar in Minneapolis to celebrate Dylan’s 69th birthday — including 14-year-old Max Etling, who won the informal contest last year. Some imitated Dylan’s yowling voice and blew harmonica. Max, an eighth-grader from Wayzata, wore a “got dylan?” T-shirt as he tackled songs like “Shot of Love” on solo acoustic guitar, then went electric with a band. Max first entered the contest in sixth grade. He says his dad, who was there with him, has played him Dylan since he was crawling on the ground. The bar has held the contest since 1980 as a tribute to Dylan, a Minnesota native who got his start in Twin

Cities coffeehouses. No winner was named this year.

Quaid sues drug maker over babies’ overdoses

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Dennis Quaid has sued the pharmaceutical company that makes the blood thinner heparin following the overdoses that threatened the lives of his newborn twins three years ago. Quaid, on behalf of his twins Zoe and Thomas, sued Deerfield, Illinois-based Baxter Healthcare Corp. in Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and alleges that packaging caused the drug mix-up at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. The lawsuit says heparin and a lower-dose version called Hep-Lock are both packaged in similar blue vials with small print on the labels. The couple sued Baxter in Illinois over the drug’s packaging, but that case was dismissed in 2008.

Miss Universe pageant picks time, place in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Donald Trump and the Miss Universe pageant are making the Las Vegas Strip a summer hotspot for international beauty queens. The pageant announced Tuesday it will crown its 2010 winner on Aug. 23 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino. More than 80 contestants from around the world are expected to participate. The Miss Universe pageant includes swimsuit, evening gown and interview competitions and is scheduled to air live on NBC and Telemundo. NBC and Trump own the pageant in a joint venture. Miss Venezuela has won the past two years.

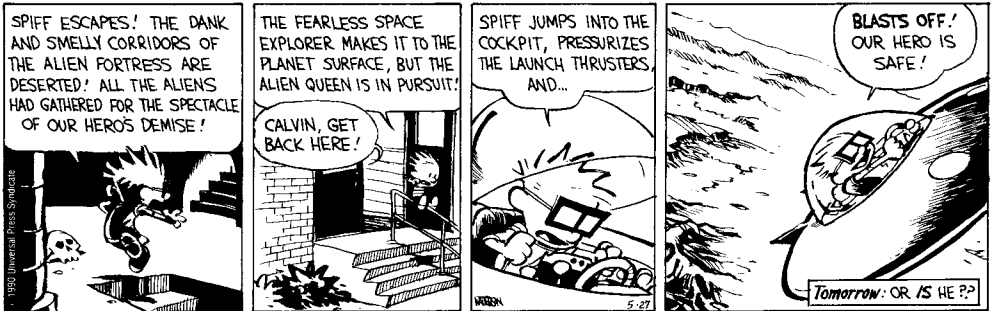
Talking Heads singer sues Florida gov for \$1M

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Gov. Charlie Crist is being sued for \$1 million for using a Talking Heads song in a campaign ad without the band’s permission. The band’s ex-lead singer David Byrne sued the governor Monday in Tampa for using “Road to Nowhere” in an online attack ad against Marco Rubio. He’s the likely Republican nominee in the race for Florida’s open U.S. Senate seat. Crist is running as an independent. Byrne said in a statement his fans might not respect him as much if he lets his songs be used in ads. Sen. John McCain was sued for using Jackson Browne’s song “Running on Empty” during his presidential campaign. The lawsuit was settled and included a pledge by the Republican party not to use any musicians’ work without permission.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



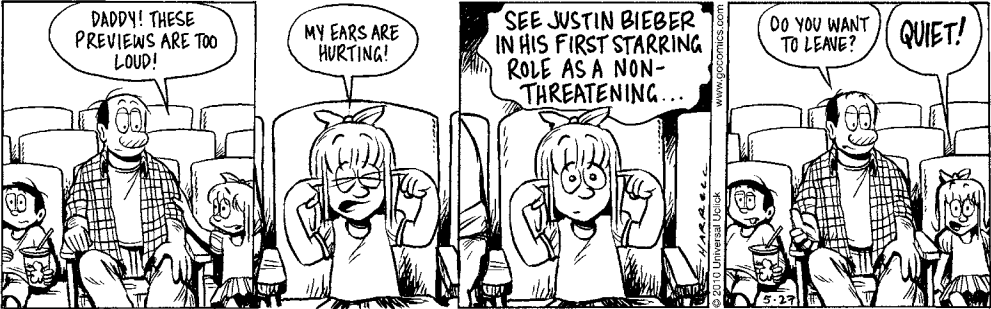
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset



The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Fussles of

5 Thick verse

9 Do some slice

12 Former lawnmower

13 Head frosh

14 Mimic light?

15 Longtime partner of Mike Nichols

17 "Uh-huh"

18 In cahoots

19 Minimum

21 Infinite part

22 Short-hand developer

24 Staffer

27 "Chances —"

28 Non-sense

31 Miss Piggy's pronoun

32 Has the skill

33 Corn spike

34 Shove

36 Cam-bridge sch.

DOWN

22 "The Da Vinci Code"

23 Land-lord's due

24 Pump up the volume

25 Debtor's letters

26 Robbed of resolution

27 Wile E.'s supplier

29 Distant

30 Monk's address

35 Glutton

37 Show

39 Beat

40 Every crumb

41 Neighbor-hood

42 This way

43 Roundish do

44 Vacation-ing

45 R&B singer

46 Crude craft

49 Melody

50 "Of course"

Solution time: 25 mins.

B	A	D	E	J	U	S	N	O	E	L
L	I	R	A	A	B	C	A	C	R	E
O	R	A	T	O	R	I	O	T	I	N
C	Y	B	O	R	G	W	H	I	T	E
N	E	O	L	E	V	I				
A	T	O	O	N	O	W	E	L	S	H
S	O	S	A	S	A	C	S	L	U	R
K	Y	O	T	O	R	A	N	O	P	S
O	P	E	N	E	R	B	E	H	E	S
D	E	M	I	O	H	I	D	U	N	N
E	R	I	N	W	A	R	T	O	O	T
S	M	O	G	S	Y	D	E	L	B	E

Yesterday's answer 5-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Helena Bonham Carter, 44; Lenny Kravitz, 46; Sally Ride, 59; Hank Williams Jr., 61

Happy Birthday: Emotional matters will not be easy to hide. Bring things out into the open. It's time to start living your dream. This is not the year to sit idle. You have to act in your own best interest if you want to obtain the freedom you desire. Your numbers are 4, 10, 12, 25, 28, 37, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Improving your lifestyle may be challenging but, if you begin with self-improvements, everything else will fall into place. Showing how much you care about your friends and family will lead to greater appreciation and needed assistance. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive for perfection and you will discover that with your success comes greater control and power. Speak from the heart and everyone will relate to what you have to say. A good partnership will add to what you are already offering. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set up interviews or answer ads and you will get a favorable response. Offer your skills and services and don't be afraid to brag about what you have done, want to do and can offer. You will get the backing you need and a chance to develop something you've always wanted to do. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A relationship you cherish will grow stronger if you are open about your intentions and how you are going to implement your plans. Get involved in something you believe in and you will

broaden your awareness and make new friends with something to offer in return. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stand up for your beliefs and refuse to let anyone blackmail you into something you find distasteful. Someone with a greedy past will take advantage of your generosity. It may be time to cut the strings that tie you together. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take anyone's word when your future may be affected. Go to the source and find out exactly what's happening so you can take a positive position and benefit the most. A love relationship can turn into more if you have similar goals. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put out feelers for people with similar interests and join forces with groups that offer greater knowledge regarding something you want to pursue. What you learn will help you in the future. A positive change is heading in your direction. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put time aside to have fun with friends or to take up a hobby or interest that motivates you to instigate positive changes into your life. Travel and romance will not only be intriguing but will also spark a new interest. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel pressured to make a move or change your personal life to fit your current economic situation. Someone from your past may want to reconnect. Question the motives behind the sudden interest. ★★★★★

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

COPYRIGHT 2007
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): See what's going on with the people you have lost touch with. You'll be surprised by the response you get and the opportunities that arise. A greater interest in a partnership will lead to stability and security. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If someone pushes you emotionally, let your true feelings be known. Honesty may not always be easy but it is likely to be your best bet when dealing with personal matters. Move in a healthier and more secure financial direction. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love is in a high cycle and, with a little additional attention, you will make positive alterations, influencing the way you are treated. If someone doesn't approve of what you are doing, it may be time to back away. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are practical, analytical and strong-willed. You are charming, diplomatic, caring, protective and sensitive.

Eugenia's Web sites: eugenialast.com for confidential consultations, myspace.com/eugenialast for Eugenia's blog, astroadvice.com for fun

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

2				4				7
	8				3		1	
		9				8		
	2		8		6			
8				2				3
			3		9		2	
		7				3		
	9		4				6	
4				5				9

Difficulty Level ★★★

5/27

©2010 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

7	8	3	5	4	1	6	2	9
5	4	2	3	9	6	8	1	7
9	6	1	7	8	2	5	4	3
8	3	9	6	2	4	7	5	1
4	1	5	9	7	3	2	6	8
6	2	7	1	5	8	3	9	4
1	9	8	2	3	5	4	7	6
2	7	4	8	6	9	1	3	5
3	5	6	4	1	7	9	8	2

Difficulty Level ★★★

5/28

WONDERWORD® By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS Solution: 9 letters

D E I F I S S A L C S E N O J
Y E N O R O M P S O U S F T O
E L E L L I O T T W O Y E O U
S N R N T S E T A L L E T M R
U S I O E P I T U I H G T I N
B F E L D R E O A S O N E H A
S R L L N R P D D H R O R S L
C A E T Z O I A I A N M M A I
R L T N R Z O G R W I C A H S
I E N I N R U O U T K L N A M
B Y A R B E S P C E I A H R O
E H R P L S R H N T C A C N
R Z G Y M E E Z L E O L H E
S R T A S L I D A M M L L E Y
S S N S L E S L A N D L E R S

© 2010 Universal Uclick www.wonderword.com Join us on Facebook 5/27

Archer, Articles, Atlas, Brenner, Broadsheet, Classified, Cowlishaw, Daily, Damm, Deener, Edit, Elliott, Fetterman, Fraley, Grant, Hairopoulos, Hall, Hashimoto, Horn, Jones, Journalism, Landers, Latest, Local, McKenzie, Mitchell, Money, Mong, Moroney, Online, Pets, Press, Print, Puzzles, Rodrigue, Rossman, Sell, Style, Subscribers, Wide

Yesterday's Answer: Victory

We're sorry to hear that! The 1000-piece Wonderword book contains only 25 x 18 puzzles, with 75 of these large puzzles. To order, send check or money order for \$16.95 each (plus \$3.25 p&h) (\$14.95 each U.S. funds only) for the first volume, \$1.50 p&h for each additional volume, to Wonderword, Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo. 64106 or call toll-free 1-800-942-0490. Order online at upuzzles.com.

STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call 1-800-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Fina Sisu Apt., 2-BR, 1-BTH, FF, AC, BU Genset/24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Right behind NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. Special rates for NMC faculty/students. Call 235-6527/8 or 285-1317 for info.

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Ocean View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Sunset View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

QQ RENT A CAR
Starting as low as... **\$25.00**
Call: 233-9889, 483-8866 or 233-8866
\$100 Security Deposit Required
Please visit QQ Store Garapan (2nd Road behind Fire Station)
Some conditions may apply

CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune's Classifieds Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as \$27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS	(PRINT)	COMBO (PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	\$15	\$27
• 5-Liner	\$24	\$39
• 3-Liner with picture	\$24	\$42
• 5-Liner with picture	\$36	\$57

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:
- Saipan Tribune: All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

CANCELLATION

Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the Saipan Tribune are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

share the power
of a wishSM
SaipanTribune "I want to meet Winnie the Pooh!"

MAKE-A-WISH
Visit us at 865 S. Marine Dr., Orlean Pacific Plaza Ste. 104 Tamuning, Guam 96913
Tel: (671) 649-WISH • Fax: (671) 646-6299 • Email: maw@guam.wish.org • www.wish.org
Office Hours: 8:30am-5:30pm, M-F daily

SPORTS WEAR
JERSEY SET
\$23.00
EXCELLENT MATERIAL
CALL 789-5014 ASK FOR ED

YCO Corporation is looking for a Purchasing/Inventory Supervisor
Please submit your resume at YCO Chalan Kiya office, 2nd floor.
No phone calls please.

A Food Services Management company is now accepting employment application for school year 2010-2011 for the following positions:

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT • COOKS
BAKER • BARTENDERS • KITCHEN HELPERS
FOOD HANDLERS • DISHWASHERS
CLEANERS • GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

A minimum requirement of two years work experience is a must for all of the above mentioned positions. Experience in catering services for 1,000 people or more daily a plus.

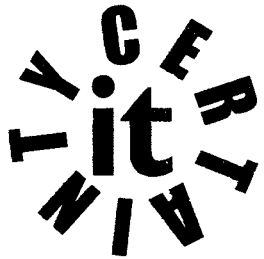
All resumes accompanied by an application letter must be mailed to P.O. Box 504751 CK, Saipan MP 96950.

Deadline for submission is on June 20, 2010.

WHATZIT Solution: No doubt about it

www.saipantribune.com

Sports
Angamwas rules 4-person
Tribune
FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER
TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2009
Subscribe to the CNMI's First Daily Newspaper
Call 235-NEWS

WHATZIT?
Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

Find today's solution in this section

Roddick wins in 5; Henin, Nadal advance



PARIS (AP)—Andy Roddick's preparation for this French Open was hardly traditional. Or ideal, from a purely tennis perspective, anyway.

He skipped a clay-court event in Rome so he could celebrate his one-year wedding anniversary with his wife, Sports Illustrated swimsuit cover model Brooklyn Decker. He missed another tuneup tournament in Madrid because of a stomach virus.

Scrambling to get set, Roddick played a couple of hastily arranged exhibitions and practiced a bunch at Roland Garros with fellow pro Mardy Fish, a pal since high school. If Roddick felt he needed more match time on his least favorite surface, he accumulated it in a hurry Tuesday, digging himself out of a hole and coming back to beat Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3 in the French Open's first round.

"It's kind of like when you miss an assignment in school, and they give you a chance to get extra credit. I've been trying real hard to get extra credit ... and I definitely wasn't match-tough," the sixth-seeded Roddick said. "There was a lot of ugliness out there today. But at the end of it, I get to play again."

So does a group of other Americans: Roddick and Fish are among five U.S. men into the second round, equaling the largest contingent at this Grand Slam tournament since six made it in 1998. Robby Ginepri knocked off 18th-seeded Sam Querrey 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2 in an all-American match Tuesday, while John Isner and Taylor Dent won Monday.

Querrey is a 22-year-old from Santa Monica, Calif., who had the best clay-court season of any U.S. man, winning a title at Belgrade, Serbia, this month. But after falling to 0-4 for his career at the French Open, Querrey described feeling what sounded like burnout. He said he'll fly home immediately and pull out of doubles; he was supposed to play with Isner.

"Not into it. Mentally not there. I mean, you know what? I don't know. Just did not enjoy myself out there. It's been like that on and off for, like, a while," Querrey said. "I don't want to be fighting myself out there and also fighting the opponent."

Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, hadn't competed on clay since last year's French Open, when he reached the fourth round for the first time—and he hadn't played on tour anywhere since April 4, when he won the hard-court title at Key Biscayne, Fla.

"Spending three days in bed in Madrid wasn't the way we wrote it up," he said. "That was bad."

Roddick's was not the only successful return Monday, when winners included four-time French Open champions Justine Henin and Rafael Nadal, as well as Maria Sharapova, who's won the other three major tournaments.

Playing at Roland Garros for the first time since 2007, Henin beat Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria 6-4, 6-3 to run her winning streaks at her favorite event to 22 matches and 37 sets.

Henin won titles at Roland Garros in 2003 and 2005-07, before taking a 20-month hiatus from tennis, and while she said before the event that she does not consider herself the defending champion, her skills make her a serious contender for another trophy.

Upon returning, Henin said, she

was "very nervous, which was normal. It's my tournament, and I didn't know really how I was going to deal with my emotions."

When it comes to time away, she's got nothing on Kimiko Date Krumm, who entered the French Open for the first time since 1996. Yes, you read that correctly: 1996.

Date Krumm retired at the end of that season, then resumed playing in 2008 at her husband's urging, and made quite a stir Tuesday, stunning former No. 1 Dinara Safina 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to become, at 39 years, 7 months, the oldest woman to win a match at Roland Garros since Virginia Wade was 2 1/2 months older in 1985.

Mina, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

A year ago, Nadal's 31-match French Open winning streak ended with a fourth-round upset against Robin Soderling, but he figures he is on his way to a new run, saying that he remembers having what he considered spotty starts in the first round each of the four years he went on to win the title.

"I know I have to refocus and calm down and move forward," Nadal said. "I think I will have no problems."

Roddick showed some rust, to be sure, but he also hit 19 aces and lost his serve only twice. Three points from defeat while ahead 5-4 in the tiebreaker, he hit a deft-touch forehand chip for a



USA's Andy Roddick serves the ball to Finland's Jarkko Nieminen during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in Paris.

"If I lost, still, I'm very happy to be here," Date Krumm said.

She won despite a heavily bandaged right calf and a foot injury that made her wonder if she'd be able to play in the second round. Safina was the runner-up at the French Open each of the past two years, but she was undone by 17 double-faults and the same inability to close out a match she's displayed in the past.

"I will have to swallow this loss and keep on moving," said Safina, younger sister of two-time major champion Marat Safin. "After rain, always sun comes."

Nadal also sought to look on the bright side after assessing his play as "really bad" while overwhelming the youngest player in the men's draw, 18-year-old French wild card Gianni

winner, then smacked a big forehand approach shot to close the set.

"I've been saying all week if I can get through the first one or the second one," said Roddick, whose last three Grand Slam tournaments ended with five-set losses, including the epic 16-14 defeat against Roger Federer at Wimbledon, "then maybe I will start hitting my stride and playing a little bit better."

Two U.S. women won Tuesday, too, to join Serena and Venus Williams in the second round: Jill Craybas and Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

"It's a challenge for us because a lot of Americans don't grow up on the clay," said Craybas, who beat Katie O'Brien of Britain 6-0, 4-6, 6-2. "The men and women are both embracing the challenge."

Surging Red Sox overcome Rays, 2-0



ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—David

Ortiz's two-run

double was enough for the Boston Red Sox to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 on Tuesday in a clash of American League East pennant contenders.

Boston starter Jon Lester (5-2) pitched six scoreless innings, striking out nine and allowing only one runner past second. He is unbeaten in his past seven starts.

The victory was the seventh in eight games for the Red Sox, who are a season-best five games over .500 (26-21).

The Rays, who have baseball's best record at 32-14, lost a series at home for the first time since the opening week of the season.

Tampa Bay starter James Shields (5-2) limited the Red Sox to four hits over eight innings.

Twins 0, Yankees 0, susp. 5 innings, rain

In Minneapolis, the Minnesota-New York game was suspended because of rain—the first rain delay in Target Field history and its first suspended game.

The game was scheduled to resume in the top of the sixth on Wednesday.

Angels 8, Blue Jays 3

In Anaheim, Ervin Santana pitched a four-hitter for his second complete game against Toronto this season, steering Los Angeles to victory.

Santana (4-3) finished with 10 strikeouts, one off his career high, after getting staked to an early 5-0 lead.

Rangers 8, Royals 7

In Kansas City, Vladimir Guerrero hit two two-run homers and drove in five runs for Texas in the win over Kansas City.

Guerrero is hitting .444 with five home runs and 12 RBIs against Kansas City this season. It was his 41st multihomer game and second this season, both against the Royals.

Guerrero homered in the first and fifth innings and added an RBI double in the seventh.

Mariners 5, Tigers 3

In Seattle, Milton Bradley homered and then drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to lift Seattle over Detroit.

Chone Figgins doubled off Justin Verlander (5-3) with one out in the eighth. Franklin Gutierrez, who had homered in the sixth to tie the game at 3, walked, and Bradley followed with a single.

Orioles 5, Athletics 1

In Baltimore, Ty Wigginton and Adam Jones delivered successive sacrifice flies in the sixth inning to help Baltimore down Oakland.

Orioles starter Jeremy Guthrie (3-4) gave up one run in six innings.

Indians 7, White Sox 3

In Cleveland, rookie Mitch Talbot outpitched former NL Cy Young winner Jake Peavy to help Cleveland beat Chicago.

Talbot (6-3) allowed two runs over seven innings. He took a shut-out into the seventh before giving up four doubles.

Padres 1, Cardinals 0

In San Diego, Jon Garland pitched

seven scoreless innings to steer the San Diego Padres to a win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Garland (6-2) won his sixth straight decision, escaping a one-out, bases-loaded situation in the first inning and getting two inning-ending double plays. He struck out seven as he lowered his ERA to 2.10.

Mets 8, Phillies 0

In New York, knuckleballer R.A. Dickey earned his first win since April 2009 as New York beat Philadelphia.

Two days after Boston knuckleballer Tim Lincecum tossed eight shutout innings to beat the Phillies, Dickey (1-0), called up from the minors, escaped bases-loaded jams in each of the first three innings.

Marlins 6, Braves 4

In Miami, Anibal Sanchez allowed two runs pitching into the seventh inning to steer Florida past Atlanta.

Sanchez (4-2) has won three straight starts for the first time since September 2006.

Cody Ross hit a two-run double in the three-run eighth for Florida while Cameron Maybin homered in the third inning.

Cubs 3, Dodgers 0

In Chicago, Ryan Dempster threw eight scoreless innings as Chicago blanked Los Angeles.

Dempster (3-4) handed the Dodgers just their third loss in 15 games while earning his first win since April 23.

Pirates 2, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Pittsburgh's Ryan Doumit hit a solo homer with two outs in the top of the ninth inning to beat Cincinnati—his second game-deciding homer in three days.

Doumit had the first game-ending homer of his career in Sunday's win over Atlanta. This time, he connected off Nick Masset (3-3).

Giants 4, Nationals 2

In San Francisco, pitcher Todd Wellemeyer singled and scored the go-ahead run to snap San Francisco's 24-inning scoreless drought as the Giants beat Washington and ended a season-worst five-game skid.

On the mound, Wellemeyer (3-4) allowed four hits in six innings to improve to 3-0 lifetime against the Nationals.

Rockies 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Denver, Jhoulys Chacin pitched six solid innings to help Colorado edge Arizona.

Chacin (3-2) allowed four hits and picked up his first home win of his career. Manuel Corpas struck out Mark Reynolds with a runner on second to end the game and pick up his fourth save.

Brewers 6, Astros 1

In Milwaukee, Randy Wolf pitched seven scoreless innings to help Milwaukee down Houston and snap a run of eight straight home losses.

Wolf (4-4) was dominant after struggling through a miserable May. Houston had four singles in seven innings off Wolf, who faced a bases-loaded jam in the second after two walks, and a two-on and two-out situation in the seventh. Both times, Wolf struck out the final batter to end the threat.

2010 Micronesian Tennis Championships

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Christian Miller returns to Rafael Jones. Miller won, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).



Chris Park goes for a forehand return against Chris Cajigan.



Rafael Jones uses his towel to cool off during his title game against Christian Miller in the U18 division of the 2010 DFS Micronesian Tennis Championships played under the scorching heat over the weekend.



Mikayla Lopez serves to Melody Johnson during their U14 title match.



Right, Mayuko Arriola serves to Ji Hoon Heo and Thea Minor.

Middle, Chris Cajigan hits the ball near the net during his U14 title match against Chris Park. Cajigan won, 7-5, 6-4.



Above, Moris Villanueva goes for a volley against Quintin Ramsey.

Left, Quintin Ramsey has his eyes on the ball during a U12 title match against Moris Villanueva.

Far left, Jeff Race chases a low ball during his and Mayuko Arriola mixed open doubles match against Ji Hoon Heo and Thea Minor.



Melody Johnson returns to Mikayla Lopez during their U14 championship game. Lopez won, 6-1, 6-1.





Reserves
dominate
Lakers, Suns
win 115-106

24

Saipan Tribune Sports



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

28 THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010

Heo to play first pro tourney

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

CNMI junior tennis player Ji Hoon Heo will be competing in his first pro tournament when he makes his debut in the 2010 Guam Futures Tournament this



weekend at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa tennis courts.

Heo has been given a wild card in the qualifying tournament and needs to win at least two games to join 20 other players in the main draw.

"I am very excited and honored to have this opportunity," Heo said.

See HEO on Page 26



Ji Hoon Heo waits for Jeff Race's service during their mixed open doubles game in the DFS tennis tournament last Sunday on the Pacific Islands Club court. Heo teamed up with Thea Minor, while Race partnered with Mayuko Arriola.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Fielders hold off Lions, 7-6



WALTER J. SUTHERLAND

Fielders pitcher Patrick Tenorio, right, poses with Marvin Ngeskebei, left, and Kevin Villagomez after the three helped their team to a 9-4 win against the Lions last Saturday in the 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division.

By WALTER SUTHERLAND
walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



In a very competitive 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division showdown last Saturday at Francisco

"Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, the visiting Fielders grinded out a win over the Lions and improved to 7-6 win-loss record as the latter now sit at 9-4.

The Fielders took a one-run lead in the top of the first when Marvin Ngeskebei knocked in Patrick Tenorio who led off the game with a single.

But in the bottom half, the Lions tied it up when Richard Dela Cruz brought in lead off batter Ricardo Dela Cruz who reached off an error.

Then in the top of the second the Fielders took a three-run lead.

Kevin Villagomez busted a two-

See FIELDERS on Page 26

Asian strikers out to pull off surprises

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



Editor's note: The Saipan Tribune will feature Asian Football Confederation rivals Japan, South Korea, and North Korea in its penultimate installment of countries that advanced to the 2010 World Cup.

The Asian Football Confederation may be the largest group in Fédération Internationale de Football Association with 46 members, but it is also the ultimate underdog in FIFA's biggest competition—

See ASIAN on Page 26



Park

Kaito, Kai set swim marks

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



Kaito Yanai and Kai Staal recorded new age group records during the 2010 Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan Swim Meet held on Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Yanai crushed four records in

the boys' 9 to 10 age group, while Staal shattered one in the boys 15 to 16 division.

Yanai's first record of the day came in the 200m individual medley when he timed in at two

See KAITO on Page 26

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tsunami Saipan and Tsunami Guam swimmers and volunteers pose for a group photo after a meet last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

